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The Steelers fell to the Bengals in a crushing, last-minute loss. **1B**

Many gamble
Facing high costs, many people play the odds on health care. **5A**

Budget siege coming

Senate President Joe Scarnati said criticism is to be expected.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Defending a handshake agreement to end Pennsylvania's long state government budget standoff might be as complicated as it was to reach the deal.

More than a week after the deal was reached by Gov. Ed Rendell and top Republican and Democratic lawmakers, proponents are gamely defending it while lobbyists seek changes and rank-and-file lawmakers brim with questions.

Legislators have major wrinkles to iron out and another week or more while aides write the fine print of the sprawling, puzzle-like agreement into legislation before it reaches a vote.

All sides say they plan to stick to the deal and, for the most part, have kept their skirmishes behind the scenes while they work to sew votes together.

Legislative leaders are "steeling themselves for the inevitable criticism that will come from within their caucuses and from the public, but they understand the responsible thing that needs to happen and I think they'll do the right thing," said Rendell's chief of staff, Steven Crawford. "All of Pennsylvania is waiting for them to do the right thing."

Senate President Joe Scarnati said criticism is to be expected since no solution to an economic disaster, such as the state's multibillion-dollar revenue shortfall, is going to be painless. However, he acknowledged the downside to announcing a controversial deal at least two weeks before the entire package emerges for a final vote.

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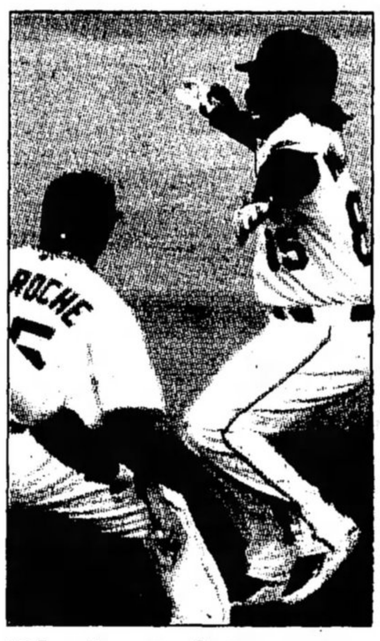

Pirates win
The Pirates scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Dodgers. **4B**

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- Elizabeth "Anne" Duda, 37, Cheyenne, Wyo.
- William D. "Will" Eyles, 25, Monongahela
- Ja-Lyon Johnson Floyd, 5, Pittsburgh
- Robert L. Mason Sr., 68, Belle Vernon
- Laverna A. Painter, 94, Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township)
- Eva D. Pearce, 87, formerly of Rostraver Township
- Ralph Rubachko, 63, Fallowfield Township
- Mona F. Sichi, 80, Belle Vernon
- Irene Horan Morton Wiseman, 100, Belle Vernon

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Argument leads to Carroll standoff

After 7 1/2 hours, police found Todd William Sawicky hiding in a storage room.

By A.J. PANIAN
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A man was arrested early Sunday after a 7 1/2-hour standoff with police in Carroll Township.

Todd William Sawicky, 27, surrendered in the basement of a home in the 1300 block of Anderson Avenue, which held several weapons, including one he fired before police arrived, police said.

Sawicky reportedly returned to the home he shared with a former girlfriend at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, township police Chief Paul Brand said.

After an argument during which Sawicky fired a .40-caliber, semiautomatic handgun, the woman and her two children, ages 6 and 14, fled and called police, Brand said.

The children are staying with relatives and are reportedly in good condition, Brand said. The woman's whereabouts are unknown.

Brand said Sawicky left the home several days ago, apparently to stay with his father in Monongahela, but returned Saturday.

"She either let him in or he had a key, then there was a verbal confrontation between the two, and that's when the shot was fired," Brand said.

The bullet lodged in a concrete block wall of the garage, Brand said.

Police tried to contact Sawicky, who remained locked in the home, Brand said.

"We were never able to really engage him in conversations. Police tried to convey that we were basically there to help, and that this situation could be easily resolved if he followed our instructions," Brand said.

State police in Belle Vernon were called in to assist, Brand said.

Tactical officers entered the home about 1 a.m. and found Sawicky hiding in a storage room in the basement, where he surrendered, Brand said. The gun he allegedly fired was on the floor in the same room, Brand said.

The basement also contained several other rifles and shotguns, Brand said.

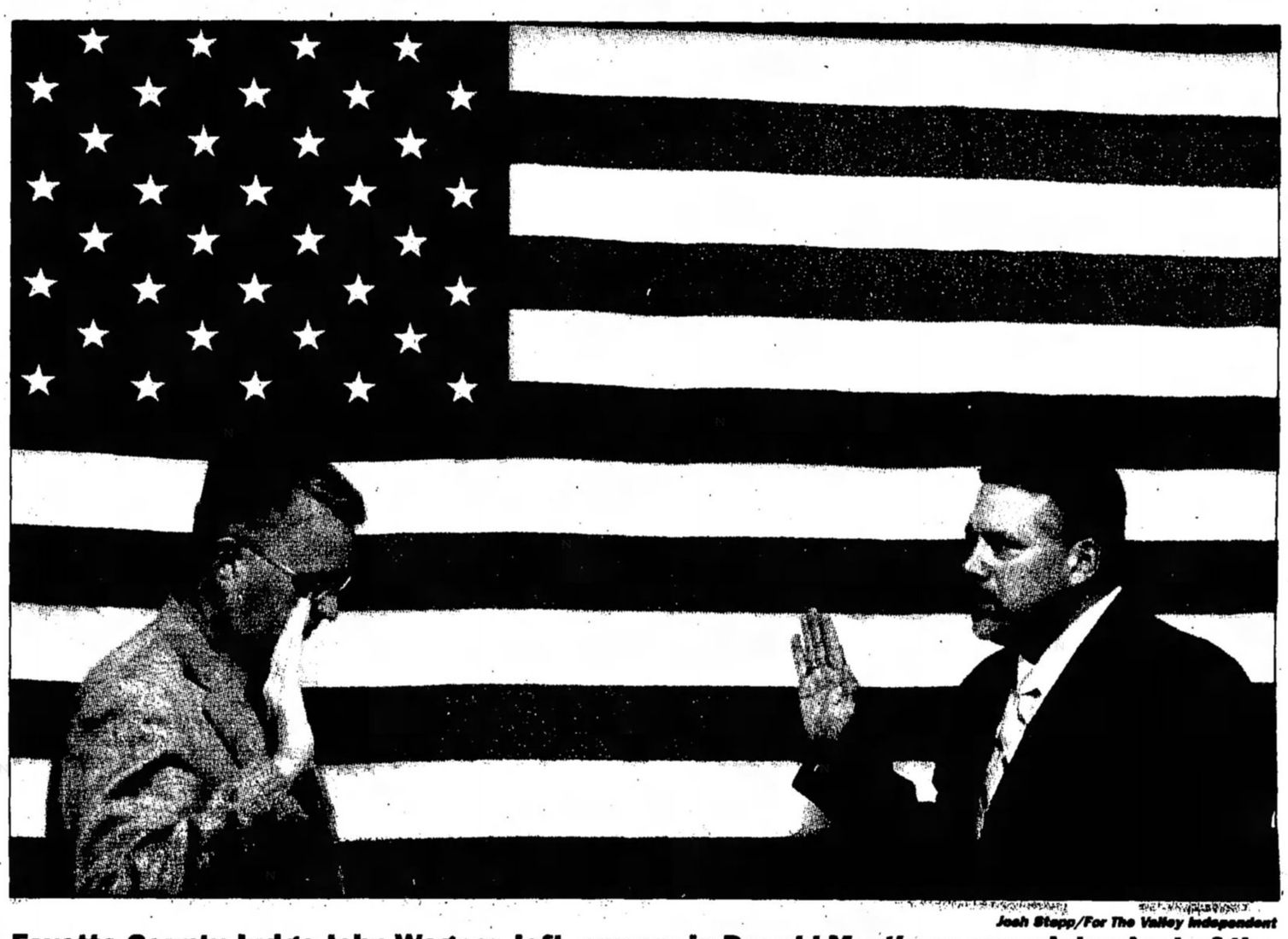
Sawicky was charged with three counts of reckless endangerment and one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied structure, Brand said.

He was arraigned before District Judge Joshua Kanalis and is being held in the Washington County Correctional Facility in lieu of $200,000 cash bond, Brand said.

Sawicky told police he'd gotten drunk early Saturday, and that sparked the argument with the woman, Brand said.

"She didn't want to deal with him," Brand said.

On May 8, police were called to the home because of a domestic dispute, but no charges were filed, Brand said.



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Fayette County Judge John Wagner, left, swears in Donald Martin as superintendent of the Frazier School District.

New Frazier superintendent out to increase technology

Donald Martin said the district will save on paper, and students will benefit.

By JUDY KROEGER
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For Donald Martin, becoming superintendent of the Frazier School District is the latest in a long line of education-related jobs.

The Monessen resident began as an elementary teacher at Monessen Catholic School, has served as assistant principal and athletic director in the California Area School District, and principal and assistant principal at East Allegheny.

He became principal of Frazier Middle School in January 2006, principal of Frazier High School in June 2006 and served as principal and assistant superintendent beginning in December 2007.

When Superintendent Dennis Spinella retired this year, Martin took over. "I became superintendent effective Sept. 1, although the transition took place at the beginning of May. Dr. Spinella stayed all summer. It was helpful being the high school principal and administrator."

As for all his varied roles in education, "It's been a good experience to wear so many hats. I think someone has watched over me, giving me all these experiences."

Martin has ambitious goals for Frazier.

"Among my immediate goals is advancing technology," he said. "We're technology-rich now."

The district has entered into a three-year lease program with Dell Computers.

"Every high school student is issued a laptop," Martin said. "For now, they pick them up first period and return them at the end of the day. It's a one-to-one initiative.

"We're planning on replacing the computers in the computer labs and moved three mobile computer labs into the middle school.

We're moving the personal computers into the elementary schools. The entire building is wireless. We have very strong filtration for the students. Every high school student has a Frazier e-mail account. We will begin using less paper."

Martin said teachers enter grades in the computer-based Grade Quick grading system. He contends the district will reduce its paper use by 40 percent with the computer initiative.

He said the district also will put student records on computer files.

"Student enrollment files are done by hand," he said. "We want drop-down screens for parents to enroll their children. It will add to accessibility, with information available to all the offices.

"We're required to keep enrollment forms for 99 years. We'll start with next year's pre-K. Next summer, aides will begin scanning paper files. We're moving from traditional to nontraditional record keeping. It's a big step, but a step in the right direction."

Even with the emphasis on technology, Martin said the district will continue to strive for student achievement.

"There will be observations of teachers, a walk-through, with

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Man hit by vehicle on Route 88

Witnesses said Ralph Rubachko was lying along the road when he was hit.

By JEFF OLIVER
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CARROLL TOWNSHIP – Police are investigating the death of a Fallowfield Township man who was run over by a vehicle early Sunday morning along Route 88.

According to Carroll Township police, Ralph Rubachko, 63, of 34 Moyer Ave., was lying along the southbound lane of Route 88 near Westview Road when he was struck by a southbound vehicle approximately 1:50 a.m.

Carroll Township police Chief Paul Brand said three witnesses at the scene said Rubachko was already lying on the road when he was hit.

However, police are unsure if Rubachko was originally struck by another vehicle as he walked along Route 88 and then the vehicle fled the scene.

"That seems to be the big question," Brand said. "It's under investigation, but at this point we don't have any evidence that he was struck previously by another vehicle.

"There was no debris or anything of that nature at the scene. But we are still looking into it."

Brand said that Rubachko had been treated for a toe injury at Mononongahela Valley Hospital in Carroll Township, and had been released just before the incident.

"From what the family said, he called for a ride home and someone was coming to get him," said Brand. "But for some reason, after he was released, he started to walk on his own."

Brand said Rubachko's body was discovered approximately a quarter-mile from the hospital entrance.

The driver of the vehicle and a passenger returned to the scene and attempted to offer aid to the victim, Brand said.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

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more feedback from administrators, who will be more visible in the classrooms," Martin said.

"This is the first year for that. We're doing a lot with data. We're planning professional development and having more enrichment for students, including advanced and honors classes and emphasizing dual enrollment."

Martin said the transition from assistant superintendent to superintendent has been "great." He credits the faculty and staff for the district's success.

"We have a cohesive, caring administrative staff and the best teachers," he said.

"They care about these kids. They care about their education."

Vehicle (FROM PAGE ONE)

"They fulfilled their obligation to return to the scene and attempt to render aid, and they identified themselves to other witnesses that had stopped while passing by the scene and also to police once they got on the scene five minutes later," Brand said.

Brand said police interviewed the occupants of the vehicle that ran over the body and then allowed to leave.

The chief added that a township officer had seen Rubachko walking along Route 88 a few moments before the incident. However, because of a police standoff in another section of the township, the officer did not stop and ask the man why he was walking.

"We were pretty tied up at the time, and that had all of our attention," Brand said.

Rubachko was transported back to the hospital by Tri-Community Ambulance personnel where he was pronounced dead at 2:41 a.m.

The Washington County Coroner's Office listed cause of death as "multiple blunt force trauma/accidental."

Assisting Carroll Township police at the scene were police from Monongahela and the Carroll Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Brand said the stretch of Route 88 in the accident area was closed for three hours as investigators were on the scene.

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Yesteryear

Children receive Christmas treats in this mid-1940s photo at the former CIO Building – now Landmark Place – in Monessen. John Pappas, bottom left, and his brother Angelo Pappas, bottom center, are among the recipients. Evelyn Pappas submitted the phto.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

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Recession hits Social Security

More people are retiring early and are no longer paying into the fund.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Big job losses and a spike in early retirement claims from laid-off seniors will force Social Security to pay out more in benefits than it collects in taxes the next two years, the first time that's happened since the 1980s.

The deficits — $10 billion in 2010 and $9 billion in 2011 — won't affect payments to retirees because Social Security has accumulated surpluses from previous years totaling $2.5 trillion. But they will add to the overall federal deficit.

Applications for retirement benefits are 23 percent higher than last year, while disability claims have risen by about 20 percent. Social Security officials had expected applications to increase from the growing number of baby boomers reaching retirement, but they didn't expect the increase to be so large.

What happened? The recession hit and many older workers suddenly found themselves laid off with no place to turn but Social Security.

"A lot of people who in better times would have continued working are opting to retire," said Alan J. Auerbach, an economics and law professor at the University of California, Berkeley. "If they were younger, we would call them unemployed."

Job losses are forcing more retirements even though an increasing number of older people want to keep working. Many can't afford to retire, especially after the financial collapse demolished their nest eggs.

Some have no choice.

Marylyn Kish turns 62 in December, making her eligible for early benefits. She wants to put off applying for Social Security until she is at least 67 because the longer you wait, the larger your monthly check.

But she first needs to find a job.

Kish lives in tiny Concord Township in Lake County, Ohio, northeast of Cleveland. The region, like many others, has been hit hard by the recession.

She was laid off about a year ago from her job as an office manager at an employment agency and now spends hours each morning scouring job sites on the Internet. Neither she nor her husband, Raymond, has health insurance.

"I want to work," she said. "I have a brain and I want to use it."

Kish is far from alone. The share of U.S. residents in their 60s either working or looking for work has climbed steadily since the mid-1990s, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This year, more than 55 percent of people age 60 to 64 are still in the labor force, compared with about 46 percent a decade ago.

Kish said her husband already gets early benefits. She will have to apply, too, if she doesn't soon find a job.

"We won't starve," she said. "But I want more than that. I want to be able to do more than just pay my bills."

Nearly 2.2 million people applied for Social Security retirement benefits from start of the budget year in October through July, compared with just under 1.8 million in the same period last year.

The increase in early retirements is hurting Social Security's short-term finances, already strained from the loss of 6.9 million U.S. jobs. Social Security is funded through payroll taxes, which are down because of so many lost jobs.

The Congressional Budget Office is projecting that Social Security will pay out more in benefits than it collects in taxes next year and in 2011, a first since the early 1980s, when Congress last overhauled Social Security.

Social Security is projected to start generating surpluses again in 2012 before permanently returning to deficits in 2016 unless Congress acts again to shore up the program. Without a new fix, the $2.5 trillion in Social Security's trust funds will be exhausted in 2037. Those funds have actually been spent over the years on other government programs. They are now represented by government bonds, or IOUs, that will have to be repaid as Social Security draws down its trust fund.

President Barack Obama has said he would like to tackle Social Security next year.

"The thing to keep in mind is that it's unlikely we are going to pull out (of the recession) with a strong recovery," said Kent Smetters, an associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. "These deficits may last longer than a year or two."

About 43 million retirees and their dependents receive Social Security benefits. An additional 9.5 million receive disability benefits. The average monthly benefit for retirees is $1,100 while the average disability benefit is about $920.

The recession is also fueling applications for disability benefits, said Stephen C. Goss, the Social Security Administration's chief actuary. In a typical year, about 2.5 million people apply for disability benefits, including Supplemental Security Income. Applications are on pace to reach 3 million in the budget year that ends this month and even more are expected next year, Goss said.

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

"That's why we have seen, in years past (under) previous leaders the deal was cut late in the day, and the bill was run late in the evening," Scarnati said. "This is an open process ... and people are seeing what it is."

At stake is ending Pennsylvania's status as the only state in the union still fighting over its budget, which was due July 1.

The nearly $28 billion deal announced Sept. 18 avoids an increase in the state income and sales tax rates and cuts overall spending by about 1 percent, but leaders are still trying to settle how all of the money will be spent.

With a massive shortfall to fill, the budget-makers' search for revenue plumbed the far corners of the state's dedicated funds, natural resources, tax exemptions and more. The deal would:

■ Divert about $50 million a year in slot-machine gambling revenue from the state's horse breeders.

■ Count on $115 million over two years from leasing more state forest land for gas drilling.

■ Slap a sales tax worth about $120 million onto the price of admission to music concerts and other performing arts, museums, historical sites, zoos and parks.

■ Raise the capital stock and franchise tax paid by some businesses, a move valued at about $300 million this year.

■ Legalize table games at casinos, a move valued at $200 million this fiscal year.

■ Tap more than $800 million in reserves previously meant to help doctors and hospitals pay their medical malpractice insurance premiums.

■ Saddle fire companies, veterans groups and various other clubs and nonprofits that hold liquor licenses with a 20 percent tax on small games of chance to raise about $20 million.

An outcry has resulted.

Environmentalists and sportsmen's groups accused budget-makers of selling out the state's public forests to multinational gas-drilling companies, while letting the drillers escape without being taxed.

Public health advocates and leaders of the state's arts and culture community were aghast that sales of cigars, loose tobacco and smokeless tobacco maintained an exemption, but tickets to the opera, ballet and small theater groups did not.

The Pennsylvania Medical Society accused the state of taking surplus money in a medical malpractice fund that resulted from excess premiums paid by physicians, hospitals, nurse midwives, podiatrists and nursing homes.

Horse breeders warned of job losses in the agricultural sector if racing days and track purses suffer from a loss of slots money.

Antigambling activists questioned the wisdom of underwriting state services by expanding gambling, thus adding to the social ills that state-funded services must address.

The agreement still requires legislative approval, and rank-and-file lawmakers are waiting for more information, sometimes impatiently, while fielding angry phone calls in their district offices.

Sen. Edwin Erickson, R-Delaware, said he agrees with the callers to some extent, but doesn't see that the state has much choice. Still, he continues to watch closely because he is concerned about how legislative leaders will decide to spend money on schools, social services and health care for the poor.

Valley briefs

Elizabeth woman killed in crash

A 24-year-old woman from Elizabeth died Saturday night from injuries she suffered in a Lincoln Place crash.

The Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office said Jessica Trail died at 7:50 p.m. from blunt-force trauma to the chest after the vehicle she was traveling in crossed the center line and crashed about 20 minutes earlier at on Mifflin Road.

Region under wind advisory

The Mid-Mon Valley and much of western Pennsylvania is under a high wind advisory today.

The National Weather Service says gusts higher than 45 mph are expected as a cold front moves through the area. The wind advisory lasts through tonight at 8.

The weather service says drivers of high-profile vehicles, like vans and sport-utility vehicles, should be especially careful of cross winds when driving.

Courthouse logo perplexes workers

It's a "W," and it stands for Westmoreland County.

And it's part of a new, $1,500 red-and-brown tile design installed on the floor in the lobby of the courthouse in Greensburg.

The new tiles replaced buckled tile that for months had been surrounded by yellow police evidence tape.

"It's just temporary until the floor is replaced next year," said county engineer Mel Wohlgemuth.

Workers from J & D Floors of Greensburg put in the new floor and logo.

It's been there for a week, but many courthouse workers said they still hadn't figured what the logo means.

County Commissioner Tom Ceraso quipped that the logo stands for Wohlgemuth's initials.

Commissioners knew the tile was to be replaced. They just didn't know that the plain brown tile would be upgraded to the fancy design.

"It's just a temporary fix with some flair," Ceraso said.

That flair may be short-lived.

The original tile buckled because of problems with the underlying concrete, which was laid more than three decades ago.

The recent repairs did nothing to fix the concrete.

"We had to have it fixed. How they fixed it, you could debate," said Commissioner Tom Balya.

Plans call for all of the lobby's tile to be pulled up, possibly next year, so that the concrete can be repaired.

Officials estimate the project could cost about $30,000.

The W logo will be gone — but not forgotten.

Wohlgemuth said early plans call for another logo to be embedded in the new tile floor.

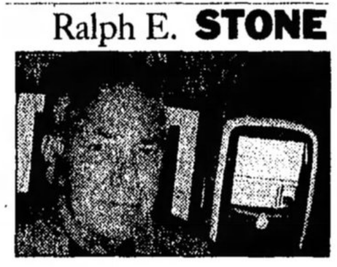
"It won't be the county seal. That's too complicated," Wohlgemuth said.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Macksen Haladyne, 9, prepares for rain during the annual Ethnicfest conducted Saturday at Chess Park in Monongahela under the sponsorship of Nativity of Virgin Mary Orthodox Church. She was visiting the festival with her grandfather, Dave Polaski, of Monongahela. Other images from the event can be seen on Page 10A.

Salvation Army Citadel ranks as one of Mon Valley's gems

Ralph E. **STONE**



As we have seen over the past several months of this column, there are abundant precious gems lying within the perimeters of our Mid-Mon Valley communities.

The wealth of this treasure chest is realized through the diversity of our people, our excellent parks and ball fields, our museums, hospitals and theaters and even the foods which we eat.

Up to this point, however, I have not mentioned the unlimited value of our spiritual institutions. This nation, and most assuredly this Valley, were founded upon the rock of our Christian-Judeo heritage. It has been through this heritage that we have achieved many of the accomplishments that distinguish us from the godless influences that sometimes seem to engulf us.

It has been through our area synagogues and our various Christian churches we have been taught the importance of serving and helping our brothers and sisters in need.

Not only is each house of worship a gem of its own, but the lessons taught in them have become the basis for so many of the other gems this Valley enjoys.

There are many spiritual houses with which I could have started, but what better choice can be offered than our Valley's Salvation Army citadel, located at 308 Schoonmaker Ave. in Monessen.

My own experiences and perhaps many of the readers' experiences with the local Salvation Army go back to the "Hay Days" of this Valley, when the mills were operating full blast.

Downtown Monessen as well as the downtown sections of each surrounding community were busy hives of activity.

Saturday evenings were especially exciting times.

The Army played an important role in those activities.

Its representatives were there in our downtowns, their percussion and brass band proudly playing Christian hymns that were sure to grab your attention.

I especially remember the Sedlar twins, Melvin and Edgar, who were just a few years older than I was. They were accomplished musicians who regularly took a part in this festive method of attracting an audience for the powerful gospel message that would follow.

In addition to the music and the gospel presentation, the members of the Army would also thoroughly canvass the downtown businesses and especially the many taverns that lined our streets, seeking donations so that they could continue their missionary work. The great majority of people contacted more than willingly dropped their coins or dollars into the donation can. Our hard-working and sometimes hard-drinking, steel-working class of people willingly gave to the Salvation Army because they knew it was an organization that could be trusted. They knew their money would go to people who were really in need of financial help, and they knew that their money was going to help a spiritually lost segment of society.

That same attitude toward the Salvation Army continues to prevail today.

The times have changed and the circumstances altered, but the Salvation Army continues its goal of salvation to both body and soul.

Capt. Michael Jung, the current leader of our local Army, tells me that rather than going into our downtowns with bugle and drum

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a rundown on the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Man cheched with murder - A former New Eagle man was charged with criminal homicide Friday for alleged his involvement in an attempted robbery with a friend who later died from being shot by the victim.

State police at Belle Vernon barracks accused Cole James MacFarlane, 25, of conspiring with William Eyles, 25, of Monongahela, to rob Joseph Gallick, who allegedly shot Eyles twice.

Eyles died in a Pittsburgh trauma unit shortly after the shooting.

Police said MacFarlane and Eyles went to Gallick's trailer at Pinetop Estates Mobile Home Park in New Eagle at about 2:50 a.m. so they could rob him.

Awoken by the visitors, Gallick got dressed, grabbed his gun and went outside to check on his truck, police said.

After he was struck from behind by MacFarlane witha baseball bat, Gallick fired his gun, striking Eyles, police said.

MacFarlane faces one felony count each of criminal homicide and criminal attempt, two felony counts of criminal conspiracy and one summary charge of criminal mischief.

The criminal complaint states that the criminal homicide charge was filed because MacFarlane "did conspire to commit a robbery, and assault with another, during which time a co-conspirator was shot and killed by the victim of the robbery."

Szakal prosecution rests - In somber silence, the jury listened to 20 minutes of taped dialogue Thursday before the prosecution rested its case against accused killer Gerald Szakal.

The tape included Szakal's confession to state police in March 2008 that he killed retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy, in their home.

The tape brought some family members in the courtroom to tears.

Some jurors appeared to have welled up, too.

The defense was to begin presnting its case today because the trial was in receszs on Friday.

Monessen mom held in son's death - The mother of a 7-month-old baby who died after being left alone in a bathtub Sept. 11 said her actions on that day were "irresponsible."

Monessen police and the Westmoreland County District Attorney's office believe Seairia D. Henderson's actions on that day were not only reckless but directly resulted in her infant's death.

Henderson, 22, of 328 Highland Manor, was arrested Tuesday morning and charged with criminal homicid and related offenses.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

DUDA — Elizabeth "Anne" Duda, 37, of Cheyenne, Wyo., on Tuesday, Sept. 22. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

EYLES — William D. "Will" Eyles, of Monongahela, on Friday, Sept. 25. David J. Henney Funeral Home, Library.*

FLOYD — Ja-Lyon Floyd, of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, Sept. 26. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.*

MASON — Robert L. Mason Sr., of Belle Vernon, on Saturday, Sept. 26. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.

PEARCE — Eva D. Pearce, 87, formerly of Rostraver Township, on Saturday, Sept. 26. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

RUBACHKO — Ralph Rubachko, of Fallowfield Township, on Sunday, Sept. 27. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.

SICHI — Mona Sichi, 80, of Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Sept. 27. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

WISEMAN — Irene Horan Morton Wiseman, 100, of Belle Vernon, on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Klein Funeral Home, Klein, Texas.*

* See death notice

Elizabeth "Anne" Duda

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Elizabeth "Anne" Duda, 37, of Cheyenne, Wyo., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in Cheyenne. She was born April 5, 1972, in Bradford, Pa., and had lived in Cheyenne for the past three months with prior residence in Annandale, Va. Mrs. Duda was a member of the National Education Association, the Golden Key Honor Society, and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh. She attended Holy Spirit Catholic Church at F.E. Warren A.F.B. We could not have found a more loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, John F. Duda of Cheyenne, whom she married Aug. 7, 1993 in Smethport, Pa.; two daughters, Cecilia and Sophia Duda, both of Cheyenne; her mother, Shirley Alfieri of Smethport; and her siblings, Tony Alfieri of Smethport, Mary Alfieri Richmond of Erie, and Tom Alfieri, Jim Alfieri, and Mike Alfieri all of Smethport, and Dave Alfieri of Texas. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday until 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934) www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Anne, 1870 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon, with the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli presiding. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. The family suggests memorial contributions in Mrs. Anne Duda's memory be made to the Children's Literary Section at the Base Library, 7205 Randall Ave., Cheyenne, Wyo.,82005.

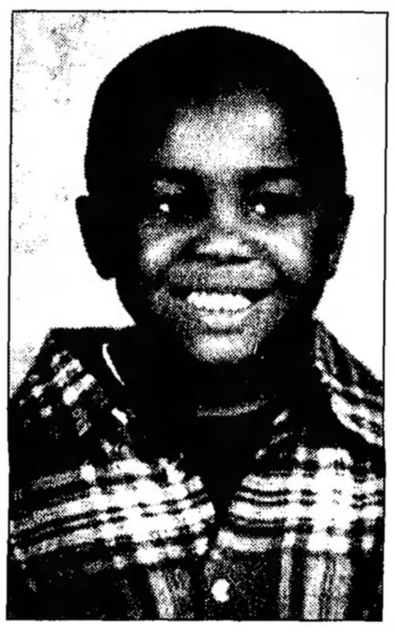
Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

William D. "Will" Eyles

Monongahela

William D. "Will" Eyles, 25, of Monongahela, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009. He is the son of Richard D. and the late Jacquelyn (Budney) Eyles; brother of Sarah; grandson of Dolores and the late Theodore Budney Sr., Donald and Joyce (Seward) Eyles; uncle of Dominick Yocolano; step-grandson of Marilyn Eyles; nephew of Gary, Jim, Dennis and the late Donald "Rusty" Eyles, Robin and Joe Jones, Rich and Janet Bradfield, Ted Jr. and Laurie Budney; and several cousins. Will enjoyed music, playing guitar, motorcycles, fishing, sports, girls, animals and having a good time. Visitation will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon, in the DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME, 6364 Library Road, Route 88, Library. Interment will be in Bethel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to a charity of your choice.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.



Ja-Lyon Floyd

Pittsburgh

Ja-Lyon Johnson Floyd, 5, of Pittsburgh, while falling, was caught by heavenly angels on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009. Funeral arrangements have been gently placed to the HOUSE OF LAW MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Laverna A. Painter

Belle Vernon

Laverna A. Painter, 94, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born in Van Meter, Feb. 21, 1915, she was a daughter of the late Victor and Josephine (Gruphofer) Dongilli. Laverna worked at the Rostraver Junior High School cafeteria and Sweeney's Restaurant for many years. She also worked as a housekeeper and was a nanny for Dr. Brougher. She was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Rostraver Township since 1928, where she was active in the Whatsoever Class, the Abiding Memorial Committee, American Baptist Women and was in charge of the kitchen for many dinner functions. She is survived by her son, Dennis D. Painter, of Greensburg; daughter, Wanda F. (John) DiVirgilio, of Rostraver Township; son-in-law, Robert Henderson, of Rostraver Township; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Randall Dongilli, of Newell, and Carl Dongilli, of Rostraver Township. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Painter, on Dec. 24, 1964; daughter, Donna Henderson, in 1990; five brothers, Arthur, Lawrence, Leon, Norman and Reno Dongilli; and three sisters, Marcella, Freda and Dolores. Friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. Family and friends are asked to meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Olive Branch Baptist Church, Rostraver Township, for a funeral service with the Rev. Dr. D.W. Norton officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Eva D. Pearce Formerly of

Rostraver Township

Eva D. Pearce, 87, formerly of Rostraver Township, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, in the Pine Lawn Personal Care Home, Houston, Pa. A daughter of the late David LaFayette Schafer and Ida Kratz Schafer, she was born in Pittsburgh on Nov. 20, 1921. She had resided in Rostraver Township since 1959, and was a member of the Bible Baptist Church of Belle Vernon. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Shirley Parshall; two grandchildren, George Parshall and Roslyn Sutton; and two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Ryan, all of Perryopolis. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Pearce in 1979; a daughter, Twila Strickler in 1992; and a brother, Edgar Kratz. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, 724-929-5300, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home Tuesday at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Steve Dobosh officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mona Sichi

Belle Vernon

Mona F. Sichi, 80, of Belle Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, in Country Care Manor. A daughter of the late Felix and Jay Johnson Franks, she was born on March 21, 1929. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, Mona was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belle Vernon. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Armand Jr. and Pamela Sichi of Belle Vernon and Barry and Terri Sichi of Monongahela; and two grandchildren, Joshua Sichi of Belle Vernon and Richard Sichi and wife Elizabeth of New Eagle. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Armand "Mundo" Sichi Sr. in 1998; and one sister, Margaret Eitzen. Friends will be received 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 724-929-5300, 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Wednesday at 10 a.m., with the Rev. David Zona officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Irene Horan Morton Wiseman

Belle Vernon

Irene Horan Morton Wiseman, of Belle Vernon, loving and caring friend to all who knew her, went home to the Father on Sept. 23, 2009. She was born in Barnesboro, Pa., on Oct. 1, 1908, a daughter of the late Peter and Mary Horan. Mrs. Wiseman, a registered nurse, was a graduate of Miners Hospital of Northern Cambria. She was employed at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh as a staff nurse for many years beginning in the 1930's. During World War II she worked for the War Department's Manhattan Project at the Explosive Research Laboratory in Bruceton, Pa. having trained for that position at the University of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia General Hospital. At the war's end, she took a position as head nurse at St. Margaret's Hospital in Pittsburgh and retired from that hospital after serving as health director. After retirement, Mrs. Wiseman continued to work for several health agencies with temporary assignments to many Pittsburgh hospitals. She continued to be active in the field of nursing until the age of 72. Her care, devotion and dedication to the sick were experienced by many in the Pittsburgh area over a span of 50 years. Preceding her in death were her husbands, Samuel A. Morton, Richard Muller, and Anthony J. Wiseman; four brothers, Robert, William, Joseph, and James E. Horan; a sister, Patricia Smith; and a grandson, Charles Varsel Jr. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Patricia Muller, of San Carlos, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley Muller Varsel and Charles Varsel, of Spring, Texas; two sisters, Rosemarie Knox of Charleroi and Hazel Carlson Ayers of Belle Vernon; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, eight great- great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Although Mrs. Wiseman moved to Spring, Texas in 2004, she continued to be a member of the Eastern Star, Monessen Chapter 205, and was past matron of Aspinwall Chapter 142. Active and fun loving, and in her heart always a resident of Pennsylvania, Irene was always ready with a smile and an offer to lend a helping hand. She will be very much missed by all who knew her. Following a memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 11a.m., interment will take place at Klein Memorial Park in Pinehurst, Texas.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

In Memory Of Brandon L. Renk

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Sadly missed and dearly loved by Mom, Dad, Garek, Raychel, Sophia, Nanny, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Blackjack

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Gap founder Fisher succumbs to cancer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Donald G. Fisher, who cofounded apparel giant Gap Inc., died Sunday. He was 81.

Fisher, who had cancer, died at his home in San Francisco surrounded by his family, the company said.

Those who knew Fisher said he was a great entrepreneur and philanthropist who helped shape the retail world and his local community.

Fisher and his wife Doris opened the first Gap in 1969 in San Francisco, after running into difficulties finding jeans that fit. They named the store after the idea of "The Generation Gap" and sold jeans and music, to appeal to a younger crowd.

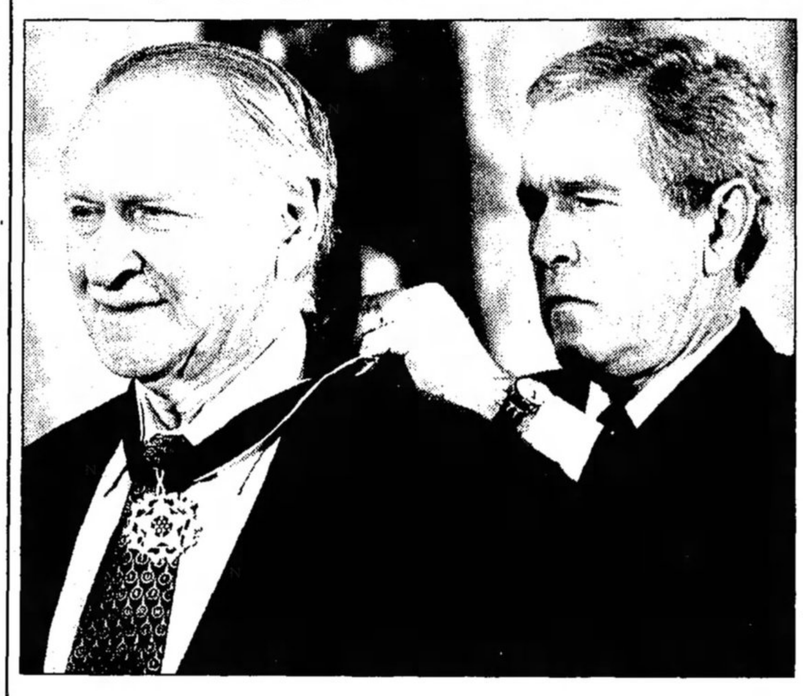
The simple, affordable style that became the namesake brand's trademark resonated with shoppers and took off quickly. Gap grew to be one of the nation's largest specialty retailers with more than 3,000 stores in over 25 countries.

Gap Inc. now also operates the Banana Republic, Old Navy, Piperlime and Athleta brands. It became a publicly traded company in 1976 and reported sales of $14.5 billion in its 2008 fiscal year.

Fisher guided the company through its largest growth phases, serving as CEO from the company's inception through 1995 and as its chairman until 2004. He continued as a company director and as chairman emeritus until his death.

The company was one of the first dominant brands, pioneering the idea of cheap chic, retail consultant Burt Flickinger III said.

He said many retailers continue to model themselves based on the company's design.



Associated Press

In this 2006 file photo, President George W. Bush, right, bestows the Presidential Medal of Freedom to journalist William Safire during a ceremony at the White House in Washington. Safire, a Pulitzer Prize-winning conservative columnist, language expert and former White House speechwriter, died Sunday at age 79.

Columnist, speechwriter William Safire dead at 79

Pulitzer-Prize winner loses battle with cancer.

By DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Pulitzer Prize-winning conservative columnist, language expert and former White House speechwriter William Safire died Sunday, his assistant said. He was 79.

Safire had been diagnosed with cancer and died a hospice in Maryland, said his assistant, Rosemary Shields. She declined to specify the type of cancer Safire had or say when he had been diagnosed.

Safire spent more than 30 years writing on the Op-Ed page of *The New York Times*. In his "On Language" column in *The New York Times Magazine* and 15 books, Safire traced the origins of words and everyday phrases such as "strawman," "under the bus" and "the proof is in the pudding."

Safire penned more than 3,000 columns, aggressively defending civil liberties and Israel while tangling with political figures. Bill Clinton famously wanted to punch the curmudgeonly columnist in the nose after Safire called his wife "a congenital liar."

"Not only was he brilliant in language and assessing the nuances of politics, he was a kind and funny boss who gave lots of credit to others," Shields said.

As a speechwriter in the Nixon White House, Safire penned Vice President Spiro Agnew's famous phrase, "nattering nabobs of negativism," a tongue-in-cheek alliteration that Safire claimed was directed not at the press but Vietnam defeatists.

Safire was also wrote several novels and served as chairman of the Dana Foundation, a philanthropy that supports brain science, immunology and arts education.

Along with George Will and William F. Buckley Jr., Safire's smooth prose helped make conservatism respectable in the 1970s, paving the way for the Reagan Revolution. A pioneer of opinionated reporting, Safire's columns were often filled with sources from Washington and the Middle East, making them a must-read for Beltway insiders.

In his 1999 book "Sound and Fury: The Making of the Punditocracy," Eric Alterman called Safire an institution unto himself.

"Few insiders doubt that William Safire is the most influential and respected pundit alive," Alterman wrote.

His scathing columns on the Carter White House budget director Bert Lance's financial affairs won him the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1978; in 1995 Safire was named to the Pulitzer board.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

When you come home ...

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 28

Today is Monday, Sept. 28, the 271st day of 2009. There are 94 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 28, 1909, satirical cartoonist Al Capp, the creator of "Li'l Abner," was born in New Haven, Conn.

On this date:

■ In 1066, William the Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

■ In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San Diego.

■ In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their successful siege of Yorktown, Va.

■ In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

■ In 1924, two U.S. Army planes landed in Seattle, having completed the first round-the-world flight in 175 days.

■ In 1939, during World War II, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a treaty calling for the partitioning of Poland, which the two countries had invaded.

■ In 1967, Walter E. Washington was sworn in as the first mayor-commissioner of the District of Columbia. (He'd been appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.)

■ In 1974, first lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following discovery of a cancerous lump in her breast.

■ In 1989, deposed Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii at age 72.

■ **Ten years ago**: The Supreme Court agreed to decide whether a state can give visitation rights to grandparents when, after a divorce or some other family split, the children's parents say no. (The court later ruled that Washington state went too far in allowing grandparents and others to seek court-ordered visits against parents' wishes, but it stopped short of giving parents absolute veto power over who gets to visit their children.)

■ **Five years ago**: An earthquake measuring magnitude 6.0 rocked central California. Kidnappers in Iraq released two female Italian aid workers, Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, and five other hostages. Award-winning fashion designer Geoffrey Beene died in New York at age 77.

■ **One year ago**: President George W. Bush urged Congress to pass a $700 billion rescue plan for beleaguered financial companies, saying in a written statement, "Without this rescue plan, the costs to the American economy could be disastrous." Chinese astronauts aboard the Shenzhou 7 returned to Earth after completing their country's first-ever spacewalk mission. Austrian 16-year-olds voted for the first time in parliamentary elections under a law adopted in 2007.

Associated Press

Krista Neher, 30, poses at her home work station in Cincinnati. Neher is CEO of Boot Camp Digital a marketing consultancy. "I want to have health coverage; I think it's important. It bothers me that I could be hit by a car," Neher said. "But I have really low confidence that any insurance company would even cover me in that case, even after I paid all the high premiums. It just seems like a lose-lose situation."

Many playing the odds on health care gamble

They pay cash for routine care while hoping a major medical expense won't wipe out finances.

By BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Call it a health care gamble: the decision by some people to opt out of health insurance, paying cash for routine care while playing the odds that an accident or catastrophic illness won't plunge them into financial ruin.

President Barack Obama's goal of requiring everyone to carry health insurance has drawn a great deal of skepticism from this group. Many pay far less for health care than they would on premiums, and doubt that insurance would even cover them if they needed it.

It's unknown how many of the nearly 50 million uninsured in the United States voluntarily go without coverage. Researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies the uninsured, said most are young, generally healthy adults who are self-employed or in relatively low-wage jobs that do not offer insurance coverage and don't pay enough for workers to afford individual policies.

"Income is key and most of the uninsured have low incomes," foundation researcher Karyn Schwartz said. "If you look at your budget and think you can't afford it or can afford it if you eat only ramen noodles, you may choose not to get it."

All the health care plans that have emerged from the Democratic-controlled Congress would require everyone to have insurance, the way drivers in nearly every state must purchase auto insurance. Proponents say that by bringing everyone into the system, medical risk is spread over a broader population, bringing costs down.

Those who opt out voluntarily might have to pay a penalty. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., who drafted the Senate Finance Committee's plan, set the penalty at $3,800 for a family but cut it to $1,900 amid complaints that the original level was too high.

Republicans have called the insurance mandate a new tax on the middle class. Obama disputes that, saying that whatever plan emerges from Congress must offer subsidies to lower-income people that will make coverage affordable.

In exchange for the requirement that everyone buys coverage, Obama wants a guarantee from insurers that they no longer will deny coverage based on an individual's health or drop coverage when a person gets sick. The insurance industry has signaled it will accept that trade-off, but needs to convince skeptical consumers that it actually means it.

Doubts about what insurers will cover — coupled with the high cost of premiums — have driven some to opt out and take their chances.

Krista Neher, who's starting her own social media and marketing venture, is one.

The 30-year-old from Cincinnati recently left Procter & Gamble Co., where she was covered by the company's health care plan. After researching the costs of an individual policy, she decided to remain uninsured.

"I want to have health coverage, I think it's important. It bothers me that I could be hit by a car," Neher said. "But I have really low confidence that any insurance company would even cover me in that case, even after I paid all the high premiums. It just seems like a lose-lose situation."

Many people who go without coverage have found that health care providers often will cut the price of a procedure if they know they'll be paid in cash rather than through insurance.

Jason Jepson, a self-employed communications consultant based in Southern California, decided against buying an individual policy he said would have cost twice as much as his $1,250 monthly rent. He pays out of pocket for all medical treatment, saving money even after being treated for a broken ankle and severe strep throat.

"If you pay with cash, they do give you a discount — it's the big secret of not having insurance," Jepson, 35, said.

But Jepson said his lack of insurance has meant lifestyle adjustments, such as driving less and staying off freeways to avoid accidents. He says he supports Obama's requirement that everyone carry insurance if it can be made affordable.

"I would pay for it. I'm just not sure it will really cover everything," Jepson said.

To ease fears of an unexpected medical crisis, registered nurse Mary Pitman of Vero Beach, Fla., refuses health insurance and takes the extra cash in her paycheck. Pitman, 54, puts $3,000 per year into a pre-tax flexible spending account for routine care and another $300 per month in an emergency fund in the event of a major illness.

"I have more control over my money this way, and there's a tax advantage," she said.

As skeptical as many are about insurers, some are equally doubtful about government's ability to do a better job managing health care.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Heating oil prices seen going down

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Homeowners who heat with oil were feeling sticker shock just over a year ago as prices soared close to $5 a gallon, but they're breathing easier now.

Heating oil prices are barely half what they were in summer 2008 — and while prices might go up and even exceed last winter's, nothing indicates any severe spike this winter.

Those who heat with natural gas and propane can expect dramatic drops, while electric heat is projected to cost slightly less.

When crude oil prices surged to nearly $150 a barrel in the summer of 2008, heating oil prices rocketed to record levels.

In Maine, where nearly 80 percent of households have oil heat, many people signed contracts locking in rates at more than $4 per gallon for the 2008-09 winter.

Mike Shea, president of Bangor-based Webber Energy Services, said many of his oil customers signed the contracts in panic.

Prices were rising fast and people were scared.

But prices plunged as fast as they rose, falling by more than half during the winter — with many homeowners forced to pay the higher contracted prices.

Obama favors more school time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students beware: The summer vacation you just enjoyed could be sharply curtailed if President Barack Obama gets his way.

Obama says American kids spend too little time in school, putting them at a disadvantage with other students around the globe.

"Now, I know longer school days and school years are not wildly popular ideas," the president said earlier this year.

"Not with Malia and Sasha, not in my family, and probably not in yours. But the challenges of a new century demand more time in the classroom."

The president, who has a sixth-grader and a third-grader, wants schools to add time to classes, to stay open late and to let kids in on weekends so they have a safe place to go.

"Our school calendar is based upon the agrarian economy and not too many of our kids are working the fields today," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Gates says Afghan timetable wrong

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates says it's a mistake to set a deadline to end American military action in Afghanistan, as some liberals have sought, adding that a defeat would be disastrous for the U.S.

In a stern warning to critics of a continued troop presence in Afghanistan, Gates said the Islamic extremist Taliban and al-Qaida would perceive an early pullout as a victory over the United States as similar to the Soviet Union's humiliating withdrawal in 1989 after a 10-year war.

"The notion of timelines and exit strategies and so on, frankly, I think would all be a strategic mistake. The reality is, failure in Afghanistan would be a huge setback for the United States," Gates said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

"Taliban and al-Qaida, as far as they're concerned, defeated one superpower. For them to be seen to defeat a second, I think, would have catastrophic consequences in terms of energizing the extremist movement, al-Qaida recruitment, operations, fundraising, and so on. I think it would be a huge setback for the United States."

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's Pennsylvania Cash 5 jackpot will be worth at least $830,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's game.

Lottery officials said 152 players matched four numbers and won $197 each; 5,171 players matched three numbers and won $9.50 each; and 59,584 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers drawn Sunday in the Pennsylvania Cash 5 game were: 4-11-12-26-32.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA LOTTERY — PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-0-0
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-0-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	4-3-8-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	3-3-0-9
QUINTO:	1-8-0-8-8
QUINTO:	2-8-3-2-7
TREASURE HUNT:	18-20-23-26-27
CASH 5:	7-9-22-35-41
POWERBALL:	18-20-34-36-39
Powerball:	19 Powerplay: 3

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	7-9-3 0-4-0
DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-8-3-7
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-6-6-0
QUINTO:	0-8-6-9-8
QUINTO:	6-2-1-0-0
TREASURE HUNT:	6-9-12-23-24
CASH 5:	4-11-12-26-32

OHIO LOTTERY — OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-6-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-0-7
DAY PICK 4:	7-9-1-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-2-6-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	13-14-17-21-31
CLASSIC LOTTO:	1-8-12-17-34-49

WEST VIRGINIA LOTTERY — WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

DAILY 3:	5-0-7
DAILY 4:	9-0-8-8
HOT LOTTO:	16-21-23-32-37 HB 7

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OUR OPINION

Standing against good government

OPPOSITION BY DEMOCRATS in the U.S. House and Senate to 72-hour waiting periods aimed at ensuring ample time to read bills before votes confirms that their legislative priority is unseemly haste, not good government.

One need not have taken even a basic civics course to realize the commonsense importance of both legislators and their constituents knowing what bills actually say before they come up for passage.

But Capitol Hill Democrats remain just as heedless of that principle as they were when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., brought her party's global-warming bill up for a floor vote just 16 hours after Democrats had tacked a 316-page amendment onto that already voluminous legislation.

Now, she's blocking a vote on a bill with bipartisan sponsorship that would require online posting of the final form of all nonemergency legislation 72 hours before it's voted on.

And Senate Finance Committee Democrats have defeated a GOP amendment requiring the same waiting period — plus a full-cost estimate — before that committee's final vote on a health care reform bill.

President Obama isn't living up to his "transparency" pledge to post bills on the White House Web site five days before signing them, either.

So despite his party's rhetoric to the contrary, what's truly transparent is Democrats' lack of — and disdain for — true transparency.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal, on ACORN:

ACORN has a lot of work to do if it wants to restore its image, regain credibility and continue receiving public funding in the wake of the latest public scandal that has tarnished the liberal-leaning advocacy group.

ACORN short for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now has received $54 million in federal funds since 1994. But the funding is in jeopardy after a highly publicized and damaging video surfaced.

Hidden cameras captured ACORN workers assisting a pair of conservative filmmakers posing as a pimp and prostitute on how to obtain fraudulent loans to operate a brothel, evade taxes and smuggle underage illegal immigrants from El Salvador to engage in prostitution.

The group's leaders initially claimed the videos were doctored, and accused right-wing critics of a smear. But last week its CEO acknowledged "the indefensible action of a handful of our employees" and announced an independent investigation.

That was the sensible thing to do, and ACORN shouldn't qualify for more public money until it cleans up its act. Congress also should hold a full-scale investigation to determine if ACORN still deserves federal funding. ...

If the advocacy group wants to regain public trust and quell public criticism, it must get back to its roots of helping people in need instead of hurting itself and its public image to the benefit of those who would prefer that ACORN falls to the ground and rots away.

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Obama triangulates U.S.

Rich **LOWRY**

In his address to the United Nations, President Barack Obama did his best impression of a high-school sophomore participating in his first Model U.N. meeting, retailing pious cliches he learned from his pony-tailed social-studies teacher.

Even Woodrow Wilson might have blanched at the mushy-headed exhortations to world peace and collective action better suited to a college dorm-room bull session or a holiday-season Coca-Cola commercial.

"No nation can or should try to dominate another nation," Obama intoned. "No world order that elevates one nation or group of people over another will succeed. No balance of power among nations will hold."

The mind reels. Whether they should or not, nations unquestionably can dominate other nations. And a stable world order needn't be egalitarian. The Roman Empire lasted 500 years, and the British Empire at its height lasted about a century. The balance of power created by the Congress of Vienna in the early 19th century, meanwhile, forged one of the most extraordinary periods of peace in world history.

But let's put facts aside (Obama does). The subtext of this gooey passage is that Obama is forswearing America's pre-eminence. Between America and everyone else, Obama the citizen of the world adopts a happy medium. It is in this sense only that he is a centrist.

"For those who question the character and cause of my nation," Obama said, "I ask you to look at the concrete actions we have taken in just nine months." In other words, he's the personal redeemer of a nation sunk in war crimes (we condoned torture), highhandedness (we ignored the U.N.) and hypocrisy (we promoted democracy selectively) prior to the ascension of his blessed administration.

He thinks his fulsomely anti-Bush multilateralism will pay high diplomatic dividends: "Those who used to chastise America for acting alone in the world cannot now stand by and wait for America to solve the world's problems alone." All together now: Yes, they can!

Obama's mistake is in believing "the interests of nations and peoples are shared." Not on this planet, not in this fallen world. Georgia has an interest in becoming a strong, independent nation; Russia has an interest in quashing it. China has an interest in dominating East Asia; Japan and other neighbors have an interest in containing it. Iran has an interest in gaining a nuclear weapon; Israel — and the United States — has an interest in stopping it.

On the latter, Obama was shockingly weak, if his weakness still retained the capacity to shock. He outlined quite specifically what the United States will do to reduce its own nuclear arsenal. As for Iran, if it moves ahead on its nuclear program, it "must be held accountable."

How? Obama can't say, because Moscow, Beijing and even Paris might not have gotten word about the "new era of engagement based on mutual interests and mutual respect." All of them are prone to make discouraging noises about serious sanctions against Iran.

Obama's version of American leadership mostly consists of a public diplomacy of self-flagellation and commitment to fashionable causes. He'll pursue global disarmament and fight global warming. Hollywood activist Laurie David, not Hillary Clinton, might be best suited to be his secretary of state. Obama hopes that all our self-effacing niceness will catalyze the world into ending its "bickering about outdated grievances."

But the world's geopolitical and ideological disputes aren't "bickering," and just because grievances are old doesn't mean they are any less real or deep-seated (in fact, it usually means the opposite). Obama's presidency does not constitute Year Zero in international affairs.

For evidence, look no further than the United Nations itself, that incoherent collection of sterling democracies and dismal dictatorships. At the end of his speech, Obama said the U.N. could be "a place where we indulge tyranny, or a source of moral authority." Immediately afterward, Moammar Gadhafi took the podium for a rambling, 90-minute address. Even a first-time Model U.N. student might have noted the incongruity.

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Health bill's lethal fine print

Nat **HENTOFF**

I am postponing my second column on the direct complicity of doctors and psychologists during the CIA's torturing of terrorism suspects because of the sudden disclosure that, in the influential Senate Finance Committee's health care bill, there is a dangerous provision that could deny crucial health treatments for Medicare patients.

This is the much-publicized and debated Baucus bill, named for Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus. In its news section, the Wall Street Journal reported (Sept. 17) that this bill "breaks a logjam and is likely to form the core of a bill in the full Senate."

During the continuous, extensive coverage of this proposed legislation, there has been only very limited mention — and none I've seen in the mainstream press — of a section that penalizes doctors for Medicare patients who, for at least five years (from 2015 to 2020), authorize total treatments that wind up in the top 10 percent of national annual Medicare costs per patient.

The 1 in 10 Medicare doctors who spend beyond this limit will themselves lose 5 percent of their own total Medicare reimbursements. Considering the already low rates Medicare doctors get — and the president pledges they will get lower — this could be a heavy penalty.

As Burke Balch, director of the National Right to Life's Center for Medical Ethics, says: "This (part of the Baucus bill) means that all doctors treating older people will constantly be driven to try to order the least-expensive tests and treatments for fear they will be caught in that top 10 percent. Note that this feature operates independently of any considerations of quality, efficiency or waste. If you authorize enough treatment for your patients, however necessary and appropriate it may be, you are in danger of being one of the 1 in 10 doctors who will be penalized each year."

There is, however, in the Baucus bill what seems to be an exception to this iron mandate for reducing medical care costs that indeed is not related to quality of care, while aiming solely at reducing the national debt. There is a section (page 80, the Chairman's Mark) that gives Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Human Services, permission to adjust these strictures for "those physicians who tend to serve less healthy individuals who may require more intensive interventions."

But what is submerged in here is the cold fact that even if a Medicare doctor does apply this permission in treating certain patients, as he considers necessary, the pressures will continue — with regard to his entire cumulative roster of other Medicare patients — to keep very much in mind that he or she may still be in peril of winding up at the end of a year in the punishable top 10 percent of annual Medicare costs per patient.

To bring Balch back into the conversation concerning the actual effects of the 10 percent health penalty on real-life patients, as well as doctors, he points out that this penalty for Medicare doctors "creates a moving target."

"By definition," Balch said, "there will always be top 10 percent, no matter how far down the total amount of money spent on Medicare is driven." Say that 2015, the top 10 percent is anything over $10,000 per patient. In 2016, most doctors will scramble to hold down the treatments they authorize to avoid breaking that limit."

But the real possibility, as a result, is that the total annual amount of that limit will drop. So next year, doctors will try to avoid being in the penalty box for anything they authorize over $9,500. Burke Balch adds:

"As the process repeats, the next year might be anything over $9,000. The year after that anything over $8,000, and so on. It's a game of musical chairs, in which there is always one chair less than the number of players. No matter how fast the contestants run, someone will always be the loser when the music stops."

But Medicare doctors will not be the only losers. As the doctors struggle to keep abreast of the continually falling limit of the money they can authorize for their contingent of patients, consider what those patients will lose in the quality of their treatment.

The bluntest assessment of this approach to health care "reform" is by National Right to Life Executive Director David N. O'Steen:

"It takes the telltale fingerprints from the government: Instead of bureaucrats directly specifying the treatment denials that will mean death and poorer health for older people, it compels individual doctors to do the dirty work."

NEWS

Ringgold High School will crown a homecoming queen Oct. 9 during halftime when the Rams plays Chartiers Valley. The homecoming court, from left, comprises Nina Crayton, Jacqlyn Barner, Kaitlyn Hanus, Darcy Mautino and Jete Meade.

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corps, the Army instead attempts to become actively involved in community affairs such as Monessen's ethnic fairs, Charleroi Days and the festivals that take place at Monongahela's Chess Park.

Capt. Jung also told me that the Army is part of Monessen's Pumpkin Patch on Summit Avenue each October and November, when our harvest and Thanksgiving seasons are emphasized. The donation tins, which once traveled from store to store or bar to bar, are now more often seen stationed outside Walmart or our busy supermarkets.

The Salvation Army is driven by donations. It gets are neither government grants nor the special funding that some other organizations receive.

That's why it's important that the Army's image continue to shine brightly throughout this Valley. The success of the important missionary work it performs - as well as the physical help it renders - is dependent on our gifts,

The Valley's Salvation Army is indeed one of our most precious gems. It's vital that we as givers and supporters keep it going. The Monessen chapter is both a church and service center. Capt. Jung emphasized the importance of our surrounding communities realize that the Monessen facility is both a church and a service center. It's through the work of the church that the message of salvation is offered.

Both Capt. Jung and his wife, the former Amanda Varosky, of Farmington, are ordained ministers and their main goal is to offer the opportunity to realize the grace offered through an acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Capt. Jung explained that the goal of the Army's work is based on the book of James, where we are told that as servants of our Lord, we are expected to use the gifts and talents we are given to do His work. In James 1:22 we are told, "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving only yourselves." We are further told in verse 25 that "a doer of the Word shall be blessed in his deed."

Capt. Jung went on to explain that this is how the Army hopes to foster its young people - to have servant's hearts who want to become "doers" of the Word.

The youth organization - TWIGS (Teens Working in God's Service) - is based on this principle.

A TWIG, of course, is a small branch that will one day become a strong, sturdy branch - one that will bear much fruit in doing God's work.

That's what Capt. Jung expects will one day occur with the young teens who are learning to be "doers" of the Word.

In addition to its teen ministry, the Army also has ministry programs especially designed for women and younger children. While I was visiting its headquarters, the Army was in the midst of its Youth Day Camp, which runs for four weeks in July. Full church and Sunday school classes are offered each Sunday morning. Capt. Jung emphasized that Monessen is the only chapter of the Salvation Army in our immediate area that is both a service center as well as a church.

Finleyville has a smaller service center that reaches the Monongahela area and West Newton is recognized as a service unit. The difference between a service center and a service unit is that a center is led by officers in the Army, while a unit is made up entirely of volunteers. West Newton's unit is led by Pastor Glenn Richardson, of the First Baptist Church.

In 2004, when Capt. Jung first took over the reins of the Monessen center, only 10 percent of the polled public knew that the Monessen Center was a church as well as a service center. Three years later, that percentage of awareness had risen to 86 percent.

Evidently Capt. Jung, his wife and all the "doers" of the Monessen Center are getting the word out. Let's hope that this story will further that awareness to even greater heights.

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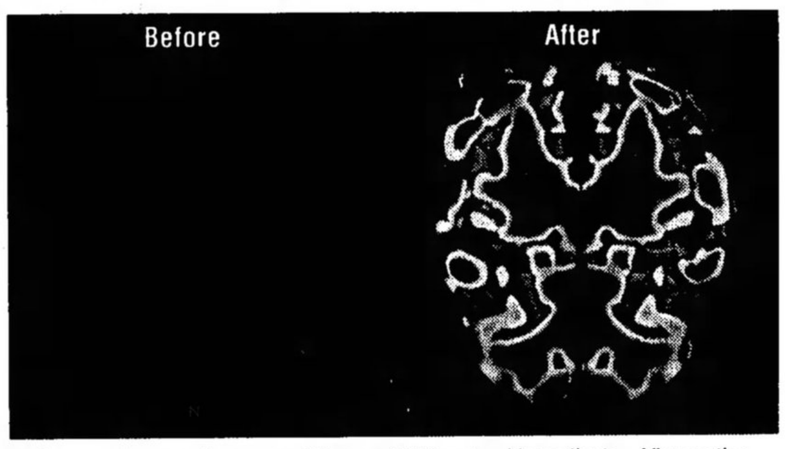

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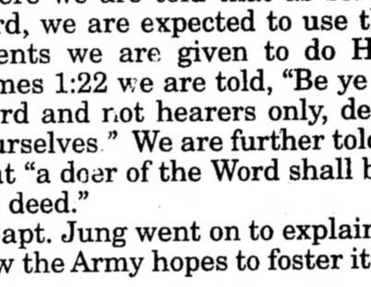

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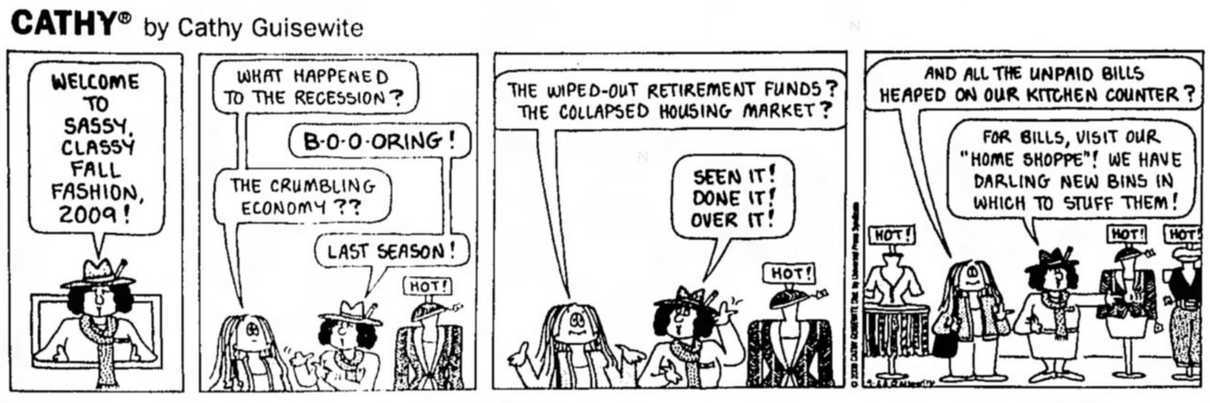
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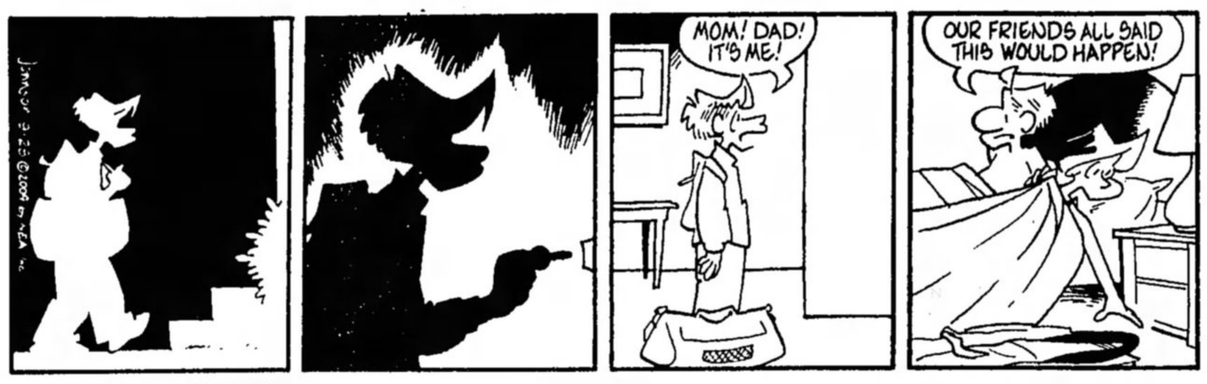

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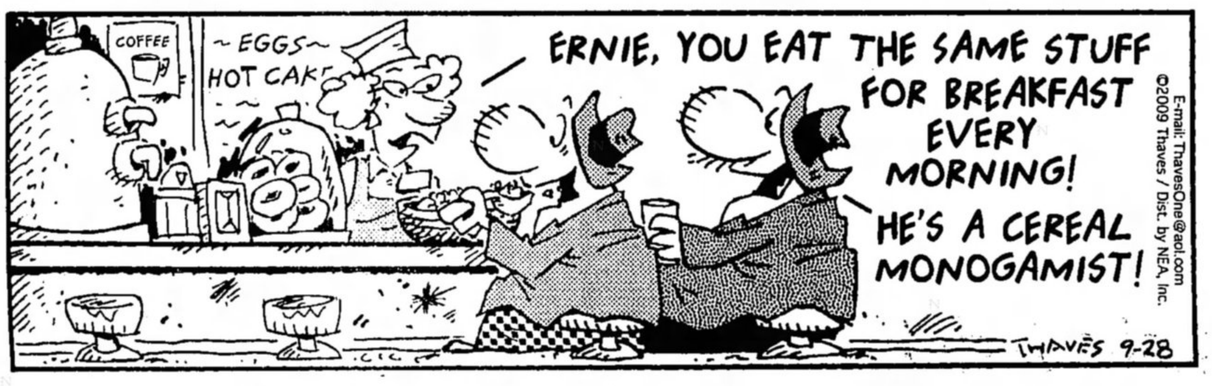

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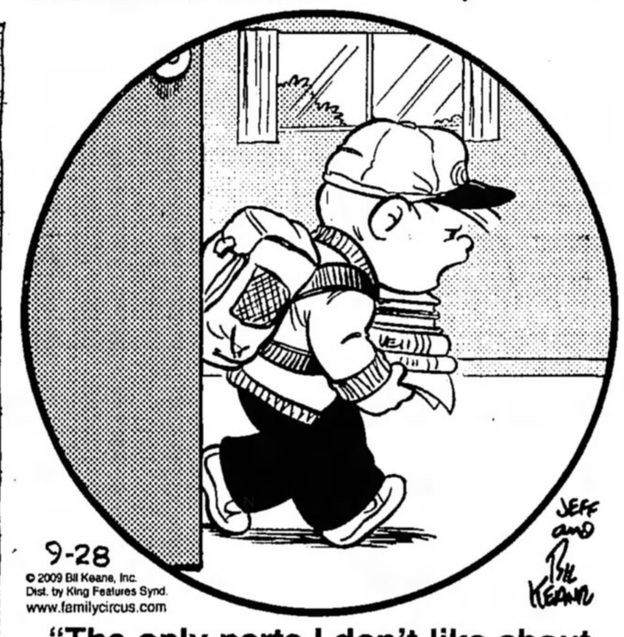

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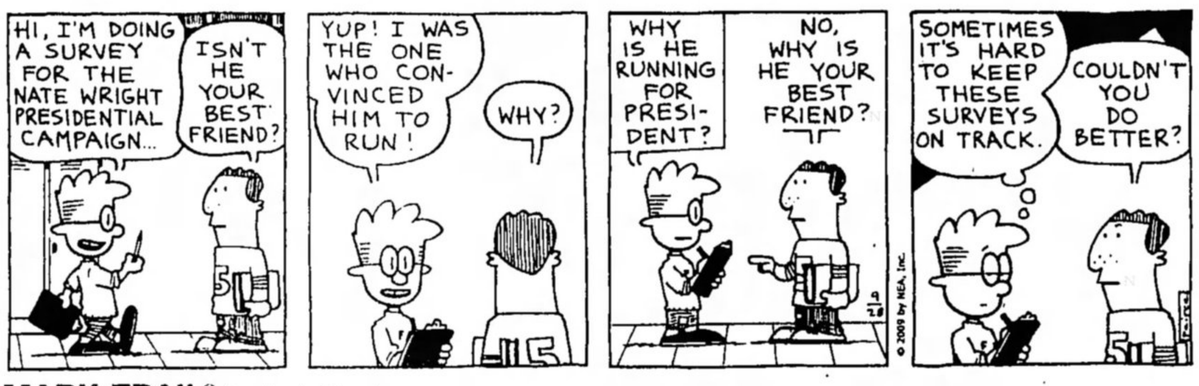
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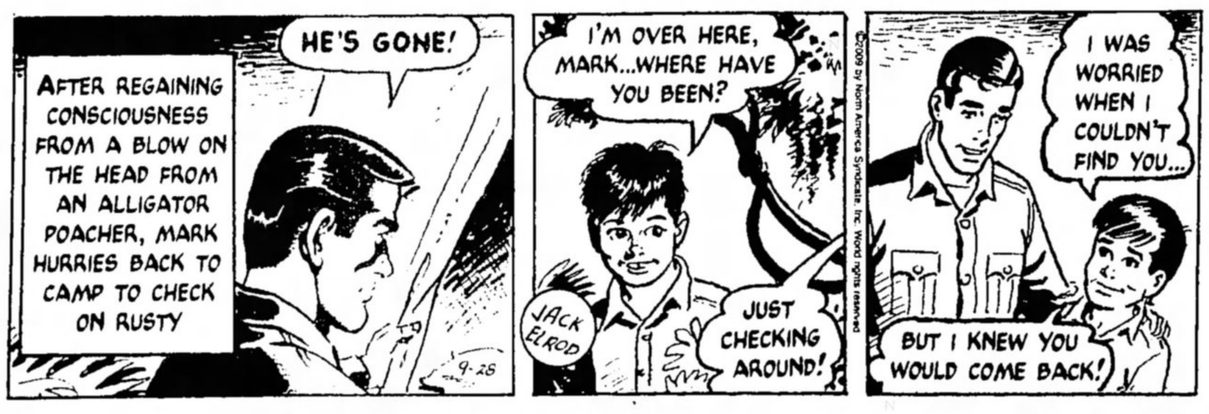
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SUDOKU

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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4 Ocean tang
8 Jacuzzi feature
11 Sorrowful wail
13 Zone
14 Kind of system
15 Pal
17 Joule fraction
18 Annual
19 Hindu teachers
21 Flurry
22 Really big tees
23 Baby grand
26 Holly item
29 Musical composition
30 Favoritism
31 Chop down
33 Gary's st.
34 Paris hub
35 Spouse
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38 Keeps on going
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40 Johnny —
41 Television awards
44 Sidestepped
48 Youngster
49 Lovely
52 Chicago trains
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55 Weathervane dir.
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57 Strike with a quick, smart blow

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2 Lotion additive
3 Informal parent
4 Panasonic rival
5 "Exodus" hero
6 Zodiac sign
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8 Yell insults
9 Pantyhose color
10 Duds
12 Pounced
16 Gucci of fashion
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23 Tire pressure meas.
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34 By — (alone)
35 Indiana river
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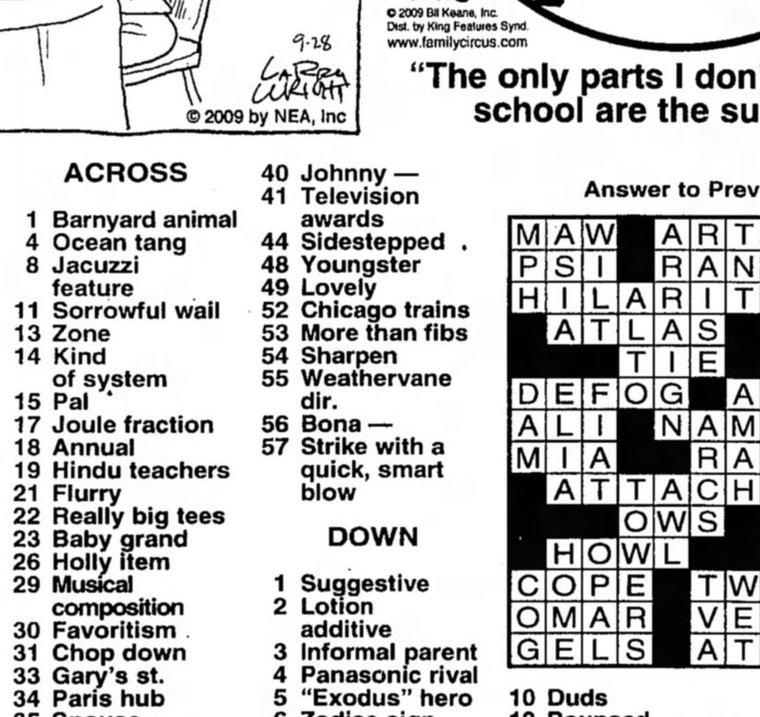

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NEWS

Private insurers keep dialysis clinics humming

Second part of two-part series looks at how kidney treatments are financed.

By ANDREW CONTE and LUIS FABREGAS
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New patients with private insurance supply lifeblood to the $65 billion-a-year dialysis industry.

Fresenius Medical Care, the world's largest dialysis provider, made more than $800 million last year — even though it reported losing money on those patients who receive federal Medicare benefits.

Its top competitor, DaVita, meanwhile, made $374 million last year, and said nearly all its profits came from people who have private insurance.

"We need to identify new patients and, certainly, new patients with insurance," said LeAnne Zumwalt, DaVita's vice president. "That's what allows us to treat all patients. This private subsidy really allows the whole model to work."

A Pittsburgh Tribune-Review investigation found that doctors at dialysis clinics failed to inform thousands of patients about kidney transplantation. That failure could shorten lives and cost taxpayers millions of dollars a year.

Kidney transplantation adds an average of 10 years to a patient's life, and giving that patient a new kidney costs the federal Medicare program $50,000 less per patient each year than conventional dialysis.

The payment system regulated by Medicare creates a perverse incentive for providers: For-profit companies constantly need new patients with private insurance. Those people subsidize the cost of treating the elderly, the poor and those who need long-term care, and they account for much of the companies' profits.

OVERNIGHT LIABILITIES

About 35 percent of DaVita's dialysis revenue comes from patients with private insurance, while payments from those commercial payors generate nearly all of the company's profit, the company stated in a February filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The response of Fresenius has been to look for ways to be more efficient and to "use commercial insurance payments to help sustain the overhead needed to care for Medicare and Medicaid patients," said Terry Morris, vice president of investor relations and corporate communications.

About two-thirds of Fresenius' business comes from the United States, where it spends about $289 per treatment but receives about $250 from Medicare. The agency takes over payments for almost every patient who has been on dialysis longer than 33 months.

That reimbursement schedule transforms patients with private insurance from being profit-drivers to liabilities overnight, as the government takes over their care.

The timing of Medicare payments for dialysis coincides with the median waittime of 36 months that patients spend on dialysis before a transplant, according to data collected by the United Network for Organ Sharing, a federal contractor that collects transplant data.

Some doctors say the payment system creates unhealthy incentives for providers to focus on filling their clinics when they should be primarily concerned with making sure patients receive information about transplantation as soon as possible.

The companies "want their dialysis units filled,"said Dr. Bruce Kaplan, chief of nephrology and medical director of the Abdominal Transplant Program at The University of Arizona's medical center. "Obviously, that's how they make their money. They do have a vested interest in not having patients transplanted."

Officials with Fresenius, DaVita and other companies said they inform patients about transplantation and other options before they even start dialysis treatments if possible. A medical director for DaVita said he rejects any suggestion that the company would withhold information to earn a profit.

MONEY TALKS

Frontline caregivers "don't know whether, you have Medicare or private insurance, nor should they know that," Zumwalt said. New Medicare rules, which took effect in October, require clinics to inform every patient about all of their options, including transplantation, said Dr. Barry Straube, the agency's chief medical officer and director of its Office of Clinical Standards and Quality.

That does not necessarily mean, however, that kidney doctors will refer patients for a transplant evaluation, said Dr. Tom Parker III, a Dallas-based nephrologist who co-chaired a summit on dialysis failures this spring at Harvard Medical School. Nephrologists do not have a financial incentive to provide detailed information to every patient, he said.

"It's not happening," he said. "And the response of the nephrologist is, 'There's no reimbursement for me to do this. Why should I do this? It's not my responsibility.' "

Instead, like the clinics, the kidney doctors who decide which patients to refer for transplant evaluation often have a financial incentive to put a patient on dialysis, some experts said. The doctors are hired by the clinics to serve as medical directors and, while the clinic cannot force them to bring their patients along, the patients typically follow their doctor.

"The pressure on the medical director to keep the dialysis facility full and to have patients in the dialysis facility rather than sending them home and rather than having them get a transplant is occult but significant," Parker said.

The only alternative to having nephrologists determine which patients to refer for a transplant evaluation, however, is to have them refer everyone, said Dr. Ben Hippen, a transplant nephrologist at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Transplant surgeons have their own incentives to perform surgeries, he said.

"I've had dark nights of soul searching about whether there's a vast reluctance against transplantation for reasons of financial self-interest on the part of nephrologists," Hippen said. "If there is, I haven't seen it."

Because of the inherent pressures, the decision might not be a cognizant one, Kaplan said.

"My bias is that there is a delay in referring because, as in other things in life, when there's a monetary incentive not to do it, you can rationalize reasons why you're not doing it," Kaplan said. "You don't say it's for the money but when you stand to gain monetarily, it becomes awfully easy to rationalize why you're not doing it."

SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANT LESS COSTLY

For payers — whether it's federal taxpayers through Medicare or private insurance companies — transplantation costs more at first but pays for itself within months through lower postsurgical costs, experts said.

When Medicare picks up the cost, it spends more than $17.8 billion a year on dialysis alone — accounting for 5 percent of its total $355 billion budget in 2006, according to the U.S. Renal Data System, a federal contractor that collects dialysis information. Government projections predict Medicare's hospital insurance fund will be broke by 2017.

The federal program spends about $70,000 a year for each patient on dialysis, versus $17,000 a year on someone who receives a successful kidney transplant, data show. The year in which the person receives the organ is the most expensive, at $106,000, although the savings are realized in two years.

Private insurers might pay even more for dialysis. Each treatment can cost $1,000 or more, totaling more than $13,000 a month, said Chris Pricco, chief operating officer in the complex medical conditions division at OptumHealth, a Minnesota health care consulting company.

At that rate, transplantation could cost less than ongoing dialysis in as little six months, he said.

"There is no doubt based on an economic analysis, giving someone a kidney within about three years is a tremendously cost-effective thing to do," said Dr. Bryan Becker, a transplant nephrologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the president of the National Kidney Foundation.

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South Connellsville	Oct 13	2:00 - 4:00	S. Connellsville Boro. Bldg.
Connellsville	Oct 13	6:30 - 8:30	Bud Murphy's
Brownsville	Oct 14	6:30 - 8:30	Sons Of Italy
Fairchance	Oct 19	6:30 - 8:30	Fairchance Borough
Bullskin	Oct 20	6:30 - 8:30	Municipal Building
Dunbar	Oct 22	6:30 - 8:30	Fire Dept. Social Hall
Uniontown	Oct 27	2:00 - 4:00	First Niagra Bank Bldg (formerly National City)
Uniontown	Oct 27	6:30 - 8:30	VFW #47
Ohiopyle	Oct 28	6:30 - 8:30	Community Center
Masontown	Oct 29	6:30 - 8:30	VFW
Farmington	Nov 5	6:30 - 8:30	Wharton Mun. Bldg.
Normalville/Mill Run	Nov 10	6:30 - 8:30	Springfield Fire Dept.
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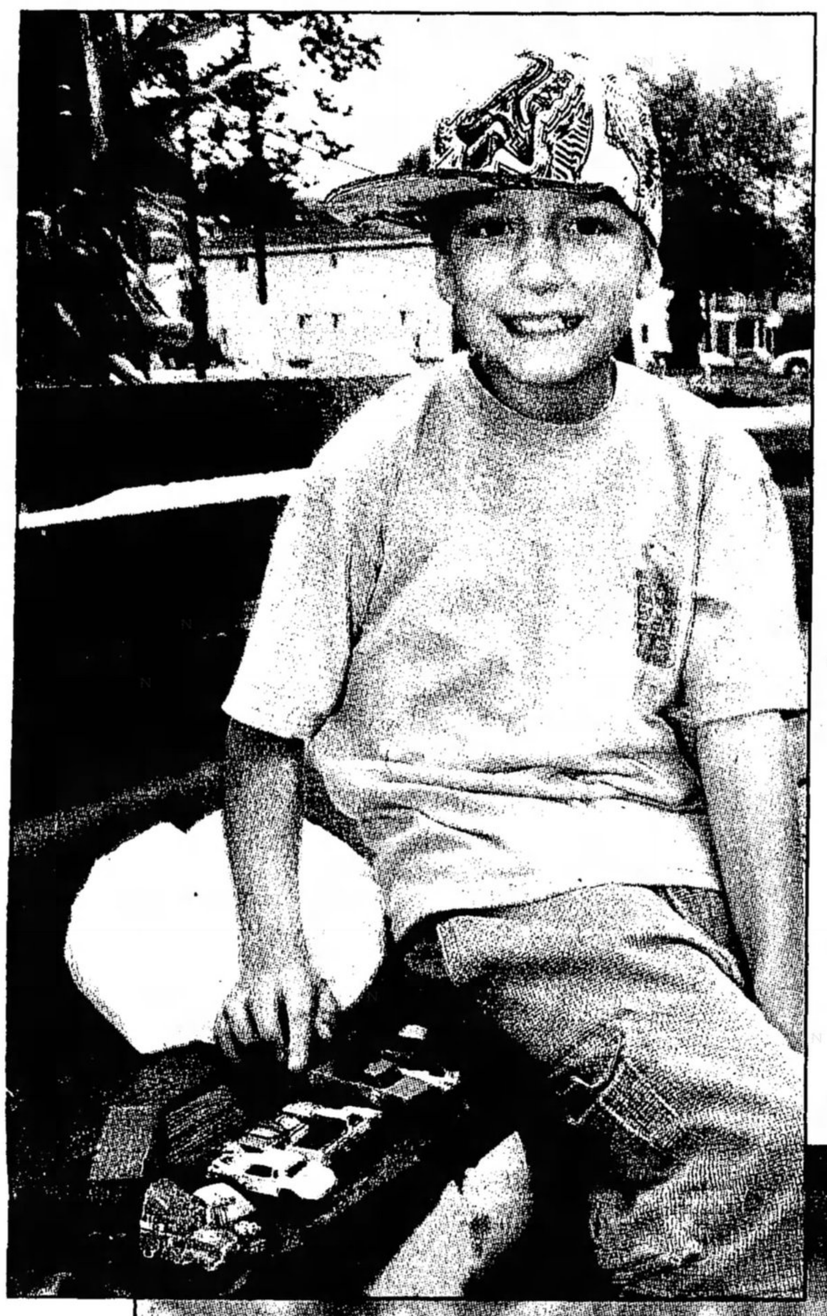
Rain did not dampen these spirits

Nativity of Virgin Mary Orthodox Church of Monongahela held its annual Ethnicfest on Saturday at Chess Park. And while the weather - for the most part - refused to cooperate, it did not stop the many folks who came out for the event from enjoying a great day of fun, food and entertainment.

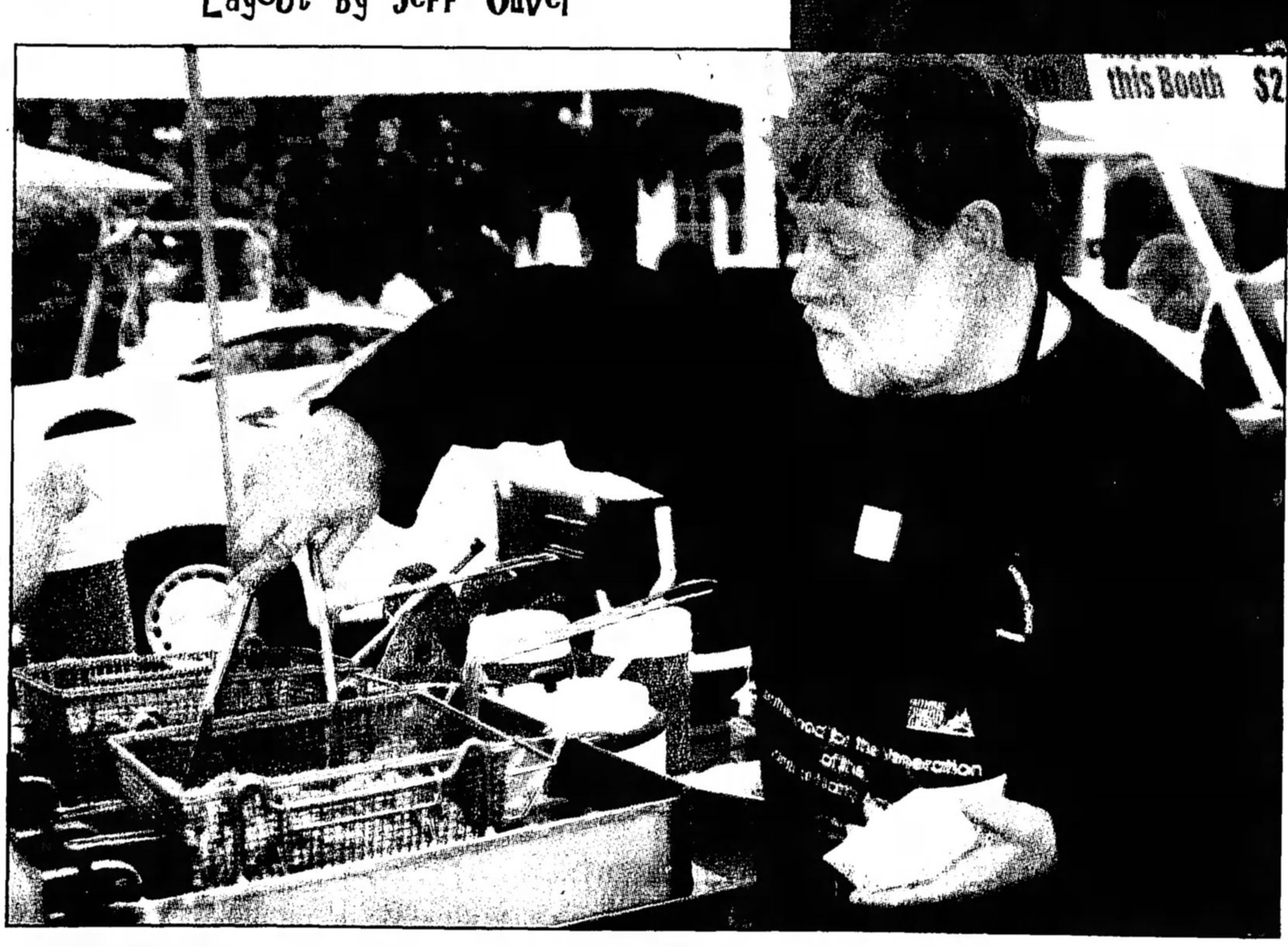
The event started in the morning and ran until dark at the city's beautiful park as festival goers were treated to music, food booths, a bake sale and a flea market.

Event organizers deemed Ethnicfest to be another success in spite of the rain.



About the photos ...

Clockwise, starting from the top: Naomi and Ed Rach, of Carroll Township, enjoyed their 60th anniversary at Ethnicfest; Church member Martha Brown makes potato pancakes; Tanya Lazzari, left and her daughter, Melanie, worked a food booth; The Rev. George Yatsko of Nativity of Virgin Mary Orthodox Church manned the fryer; Susan Stephens gives her grandson, 11-month-old David Jerome, a taste of some of the fine food that was available; Logan Dacko, 16 months (son of Mike and Angela Dacko, Monongahela) was more than preoccupied with his little pumpkin; Andrew White, 10, shows off some Matchbox cars he bought at the flea market.



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No lyin' — Detroit wins

Rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford got his first NFL victory as the Lions snapped a 19-game losing streak. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Red Wings win rematch

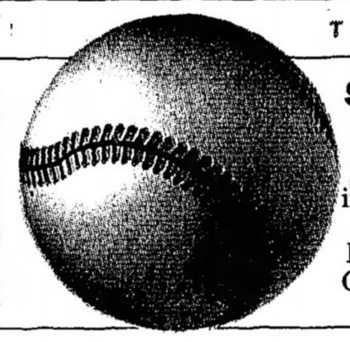
Pavel Datsyuk and Jason Williams each had a goal and an assist in Detroit's pre-season win over the Penguins Sunday.. **4B**

Lucky 7 for BVA

Mark Tomich scored three goals Saturday as the Leps snapped a two-game losing streak with a 7-0 win over Yough. **4B**

Sports Trivia

Which state high school career football record does Frazier's Joe Lafko own? **4B**



Sunday's scores

N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 0
Atlanta 6, Washington 3, 10 innings
Houston 3, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 5
Colorado 4, St. Louis 3

Another game slips away

Associated Press

Cincinnati receiver Andre Caldwell catches a four-yard touchdown pass against Steelers linebacker James Farrior in the closing seconds of Sunday's game.

Steelers allow late touchdown in 23-20 loss at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Why was it so significant for the Cincinnati Bengals to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers at home?

They hadn't done it since 2001, when receiver Chad Ochocinco was a rookie still going by the surname Johnson. Every year since, thousands of Pittsburgh fans had showed up, twirled their towels and reveled in another win — eight and counting.

Think that's embarrassing? Some years, the Bengals actually practiced snapping the ball on a silent count because the Steelers fans were making so much noise that the home team couldn't hear.

Yes, it was that bad.

The Steelers' annual visit-and-victory underscored how the two franchises were worlds apart. Now, maybe the distance has shrunk a little bit. By rallying in the closing seconds for a 23-20 win on Sunday, the Bengals felt like finally — finally! — they might be starting to measure up.

"It's huge," defensive lineman Tank Johnson said. "This team is a very good football team. If we eliminate the immature mistakes, the sky is the limit."

While the Bengals (2-1) began thinking big, the defending Super Bowl champs were thinking that they've got to reform themselves, and fast. They've lost back-to-back games in the final minute after wasting chances to pull comfortably ahead.

At 1-2, they're starting to look like the '06 Steelers, who also were defending Super Bowl champs, opened the season 1-3 and never recovered. They ended 8-8 that year, missing out on the playoffs.

"We need to finish football games better," coach Mike Tomlin said. "That's the mark of a champion, and that's not us at this point."

The Steelers had plenty of chances to finish the Bengals off early. They dominated the first half — Cincinnati had minus-10 yards on offense in the first quarter — but settled for field goals. In the second half, Jeff Reed missed another field goal — his third in two games — and Limas Sweed dropped a pass in the end zone, allowing the Bengals to hang around.

"If we score touchdowns in the first half, it's not even a game," Steelers receiver Hines Ward said. "It's 24-0 or 24-3. It's not very good. You've got to put up seven points instead of 3s. That's how you finish a team off."

Instead, Carson Palmer finished them off.

(See STEELERS, Page 2B)

Gregory D. Sofranko/For The Valley Independent

Cal U's Chedrick Cherry (6) returns a kick during Saturday's win over Clarion. At right is James Lipsey.

Cal U rallies past Clarion

Chedrick Cherry catches the game-winning touchdown.

California University's football team is tied for first in the PSAC West Division with Edinboro and Mercyhurst.

But the Vulcans' latest win didn't come easy.

California needed a 47-yard touchdown pass from Josh Portis to Chedrick Cherry with 61 seconds remaining to pull out a 35-31 victory over Clarion in the rain Saturday afternoon at Adamson Stadium.

The Vulcans (3-2, 2-0), however, didn't seal their 15th straight West Division win until Mike Brown intercepted a Tyler Huether pass near the goal line on the game's final play after Clarion had driven to the Cal 27.

Clarion (2-3, 1-1) had taken a 31-28 lead on Huether's 44-yard touchdown pass to Jacques Robinson with 4:40 to go.

Portis completed 13 of 23 passes for 201 yards with touchdown tosses of 37 yards to Terrance Moore in the first quarter and 11 yards to A.J. Jackson the second period.

Moore also caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from halfback Freddie Bacco, who had a game-high 114 yards on 20 carries. Bacco scored a fourth quarter touchdown on an eight-yard run.

Huether, who ran 11 yards for the game's first touchdown to give the Golden Eagles an early 7-0 lead, finished 21 of 37 for 271 yards. He also threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Matt Foradora with 19 seconds left in the first half to trim Cal's lead to 21-16.

Clarion's Mamula kicked field goals of 43 and 44 yards.

LEFTOVERS: Portis has thrown nine touchdown passes over the last six quarters ... Besides catching the game-winner, Cherry returned four kicks 128 yards ... Brandon Gordon was Cal's leading tackler with seven, including four solos ... The Vulcans resume Saturday at Indiana in a 1 p.m. contest.

History repeating for Steelers?

1-2 start conjures up bad memories of the last post-Super Bowl season.

By JOHN HARRIS
For The Valley Independent

CINCINNATI -- Will this be 2006 all over again? Will history repeat itself for the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers?

The Steelers don't normally blow 11-point leads in the fourth quarter.

They never lose to the Bengals at Paul Brown Stadium — at least they didn't until this year.

You know the Bengals. They wear big, red noses and dress up in clown suits whenever the Steelers visit.

That is, until Cincinnati's stunning, 23-20 comeback win against the Steelers on Sunday -- when up was down, right was wrong and the Bengals finally turned the tables on their AFC North rivals.

Clutch fourth-quarter comebacks are usually reserved for the Steelers, not the Bengals.

Cincinnati ended an eight-game home losing streak against the Steelers along with a five-game overall losing streak to the Steelers going back to Sept. 24, 2006 -- three years and three days to the date.

"Is that right? Now, we have to start over," defensive end Aaron Smith said.

There's something about the Steelers playing in the month of September the season after winning the Super Bowl that's worth noting.

Just as they were in 2006, the Steelers are 1-2.

If it happens once, it's a coincidence. If it happens twice, that usually signals a trend.

"Correlation? Nah. That's two different years," Smith said. "The fact is, we had plenty of chances to put this game way and didn't do it. This was a division game; it had nothing to do with anything else."

Added cornerback Ike Taylor: "I don't remember that far back. I don't even care right now. It's 2009."

Uncharacteristic defensive breakdowns and squandered scoring opportunities against Cincinnati leave the Steelers in third place in the division behind first-place Baltimore and the Bengals.

"The Super Bowl champions (being) 1-2 is not how we envisioned our season starting out," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "We left a lot of plays on the field. If we score touchdowns in the first half, that's not even a ballgame. That's 24-0 or 24-3 (instead of 13-3)."

In the third quarter, crossed signals between quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and wide receiver Santonio Holmes resulted in Johnathan Joseph's 30-yard interception return for a touchdown that cut the Steelers' lead to 13-9.

"It was a miscommunication," Roethlisberger said. "We won't point fingers or put blame on anything.

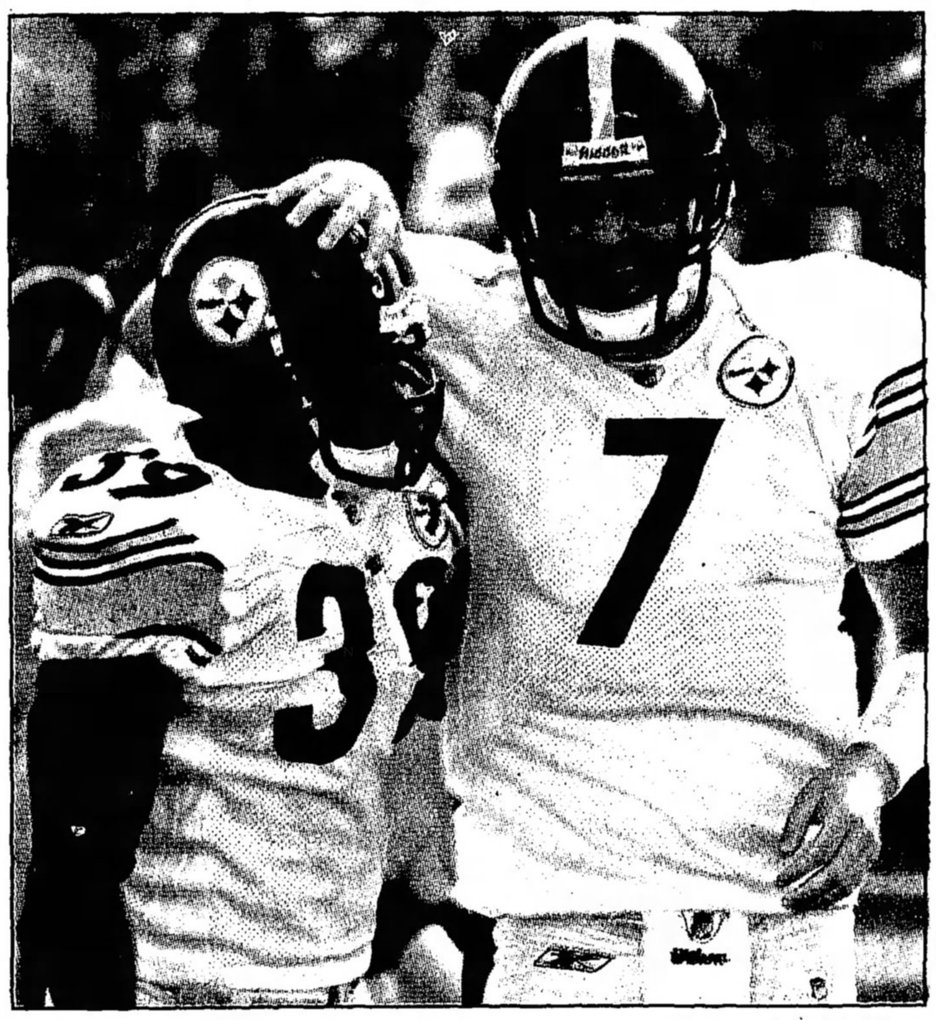
"It's adversity that we have to face, but we've faced similar situations before."

Defensively, inside linebacker James Farrior blamed himself for Cincinnati's winning touchdown. Two plays before Carson Palmer's 4-yard scoring toss to Andre Caldwell, Farrior said he didn't stop Brian Leonard's 11-yard reception on fourth-and-10.

The last time the Steelers opened 1-2 the year after winning the Super Bowl, they missed the playoffs.

Ironically, the Steelers faced San Diego in their fourth game in 2006 -- the same opponent they'll play host to next week at Heinz Field. The Steelers lost to the Chargers three years ago and fell into a 1-3 hole they couldn't climb out of.

"It's a matter of making plays and not making plays," defensive end Brett Keisel said. "If we don't start making them, it's going to be a long year."



Associated Press

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, right, and running back Willie Parker celebrate after they connected for a 27-yard touchdown pass in the first half Sunday.

SPORTS

Favre's last-minute magic beats 49ers

Vikings quarterback hits Greg Lewis with game-winning TD pass.

By The Associated Press

Brett Favre was leading fourth-quarter drives for the Green Bay Packers the last time the Detroit Lions won a game.

Now the Lions are winners again after 19 straight losses, and Favre's leading those last-minute comebacks for the Minnesota Vikings.

Neither win was pretty. Both were pretty much priceless.

Favre took the Vikings 80 yards in 87 seconds before finding Greg Lewis in the back of the end zone for a 27-24 win over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. Rookie Matthew Stafford threw an early TD pass for the Lions, who played mostly mistake-free to end their streak with a 19-14 win over the Washington Redskins.

"We went a whole season without feeling like this, so you have to take it in and enjoy," said Lions center Dominic Raiola, who has lost 99 times in nine seasons with the Lions.

Minnesota struggled most of the day, despite a 101-yard kickoff return by Percy Harvin. Adrian Peterson was held to just 85 yards on 19 carries. And the first five series of the second half looked like this: Three punts, Favre's first interception, and a turnover on downs in Favre's first real home game with Minnesota.

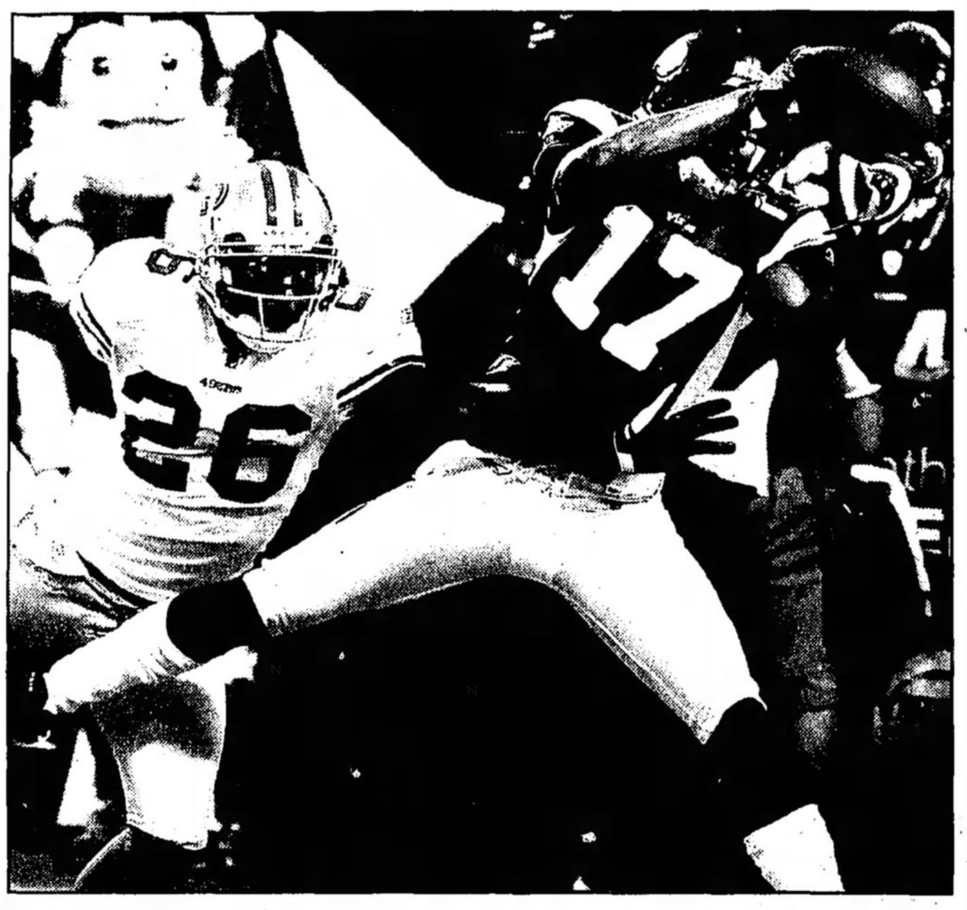
But the Vikings (3-0) knew just why they'd signed their longtime nemesis in the offseason.

"The offensive line was fired up. Adrian was fired up, and the receivers were fired up. And Brett fell right in. He was fired up, too, like: 'We're going to get this done,'" Lewis said.

"And that's the attitude that we took out there on the field."

On the last play, Favre stepped forward in the pocket and slid to the right by design to buy time for his receivers to move into position. Instead of throwing a ball up for grabs, he figured he could get close enough to the line of scrimmage to fire a line drive that would be tougher to defend.

Lewis hauled it down in the back of the end zone, staying in by the barest of margins. The play was upheld on review, and after the 49ers' last desperation heave, Favre's 43rd comeback from a fourth-quarter deficit or tie was complete.



Associated Press

Vikings receiver Greg Lewis, right, catches the winning touchdown Sunday under pressure from San Francisco's Mark Roman.

"It's hard to even recall all of 'em. This one was pretty special," Favre said.

Memorable, too, in its own way will be Detroit's win, in front of 40,896 fans at Ford Field.

Detroit (1-2) hadn't won since Dec. 23, 2007, and its 19-game skid matched the second longest in NFL history. The Lions no longer have to hear about Tampa Bay's record 26-game losing streak.

They're on a one-game roll.

"I'm having fun," Stafford said. "It's a great game we get to play."

Eagles 34, Chiefs 14

At Philadelphia, Kevin Kolb threw for 327 yards and two touchdowns, LeSean McCoy had 84 yards rushing and one TD for the Eagles (2-1). DeSean Jackson and Brent Celek each had 100-plus yards receiving and one score against the winless Chiefs.

Colts 31, Cardinals 10

At Glendale, Ariz., Peyton Manning threw four touchdown passes, three in the second quarter, and completed 24 of 35 for 379 yards with one interception for Indianapolis (3-0). The Colts' quarterback had four TD passes in a game for the 18th time, moving him ahead of Johnny Unitas into third on the NFL career list, behind Dan Marino's 21 and Brett Favre's 20.

Kurt Warner threw for 332 yards and two scores for Arizona (1-2).

Jets 24, Titans 17

At East Rutherford, N.J., David Harris had an interception and a big sack on consecutive drives, and Mark Sanchez threw two touchdown passes and ran for another for the Jets.

Sanchez became the first rookie quarterback to start a season with wins in his first three games, and New York's defense turned up the pressure in the fourth quarter on Kerry Collins, who was incomplete on his last 13 passes as the Titans fell to 0-3.

Packers 36, Rams 17

At St. Louis, Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes and ran for another, and the Packers (2-1) sent the Rams to their 13th straight loss — now the NFL's longest active streak. Rodgers was 13 for 23 for 269 yards and hooked up with Greg Jennings on passes of 50 and 53 yards that set up touchdowns. Rodgers had a 46-yard pass to Donald Driver that set up another score.

Kyle Boller, who played three quarters after Marc Bulger bruised his shoulder, threw two touchdown passes for the Rams. Steven Jackson carried 27 times for 117 yards.

Ravens 34, Browns 3

At Baltimore, Joe Flacco threw for a career-high 342 yards and Willis McGahee scored two more touchdowns against the winless Browns, who have scored one offensive touchdown in their last nine games. Derrick Mason caught five passes for 118 yards, including a 72-yard TD, for the Ravens (3-0).

Jaguars 31, Texans 24

At Houston, Maurice Jones-Drew had his first 100-yard game of the season and scored three touchdowns for the Jaguars (1-2). Jones-Drew scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 8-yard run early in the fourth quarter and finished with 119 yards rushing.

The Texans (1-2) have the league's worst run defense, allowing 190 yards to the Jets, 240 to the Titans and 184 on Sunday.

Giants 24, Buccaneers 0

At Tampa, Fla., Eli Manning threw for two touchdowns and Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw led a resurgence of a strong ground attack for the Giants (3-0).

Tampa Bay (0-3), which has lost seven straight since an 0-4 December that cost it a playoff berth last season, was outgained 397 yards to 86 and did not have a first down until late in the third quarter.

Patriots 26, Falcons 10

At Foxborough, Mass., the Patriots (2-1) finally got their offense rolling as Tom Brady threw for 277 yards and Fred Taylor ran for 105 against the Falcons (2-1).

Brady threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Chris Baker and Taylor ran for an 8-yard score.

Broncos 23, Raiders 3

At Oakland, Calif., Kyle Orton threw a touchdown pass to Brandon Marshall, and rookie Knowshon Moreno ran for 90 yards and a score to lead the Broncos (3-0). Correll Buckhalter added 108 yards on 14 carries.

The Raiders (1-2) were held to 137 yards, their second straight week with less than 200 yards of offense.

Chargers 23, Dolphins 13

At San Diego, Philip Rivers scored on a 5-yard scramble late in the third quarter to highlight a victory over the winless Dolphins, who lost quarterback Chad Pennington to a shoulder injury early in the second half.

The Chargers (2-1) are above .500 in the regular season for the first time since the end of 2007. The Dolphins are 0-3 for the third time in six seasons.

Saints 27, Bills 7

At Orchard Park, N.Y., Will Smith had an interception and a sack to help New Orleans (3-0) shut down Buffalo (1-2). Pierre Thomas sealed the win with two touchdown runs in the final 10 minutes and finished with 126 yards.

Terrell Owens was held without a catch to end a 185-game streak that had been second longest among active players.

Bengals 23, Steelers 20

At Cincinnati, Carson Palmer threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell with 14 seconds left, completing a nearly perfect drive that gave the Bengals (2-1) a victory and ended the Steelers' nearly decade-long domination in Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh (1-2) had won its last eight games on Cincinnati's home field dating to 2001.

Bears 25, Seahawks 19

At Seattle, Jay Cutler threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Devin Hester with 1:52 remaining, rallying the Bears over the Seahawks.

Seattle (1-2), playing without seven injured starters, drove to the Bears 29 with 30 seconds left. But Seneca Wallace was high and incomplete to Julius Jones on fourth-and-2 to seal the win for the Bears (2-1).

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Detroit at Chicago	St. Louis at San Francisco
Oakland at Houston	Seattle at Indianapolis
Tennessee at Jacksonville	NY Giants at Kansas City
Baltimore at New England	Tampa Bay at Washington
Buffalo at Miami	NY Jets at New Orleans
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Vick savors return to NFL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick's return to the NFL was ordinary at best. The moments before it happened though, lifted his heart and made his day.

For the record, Vick carried once for 7 yards, threw two incompletions and either handed off or was a decoy on eight other plays as the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 34-14 Sunday in the quarterback's first regular-season action since December 2006.

Just returning to the game he loved after serving 18-months in federal prison on a dogfighting conviction moved him.

Standing on the sidelines as the national anthem played, Vick let his mind go over his downfall over the past 33 months.

"I am thinking about everything I have been through," Vick said after the game. "I am thinking about what it took to get back to this point. I am thinking about my grandmother, who I lost in prison and what she would think."

The last time Vick saw his grandmother, Caletha, was on the day he surrendered to authorities and was taken to federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan. She died during his 18-month incarceration.

"I know she would have been proud of me," Vick said, noting her memory pushes him every day to return to being a great player."

Vick spent most of the game on the sideline watching youngsters Kevin Kolb, LeSean McCoy and DeSean Jackson lead the Eagles to a one-sided victory.

McCoy ran for 84 yards and a touchdown. Kolb ran for one and threw for 327 yards and two other scores, including one to Jackson, who had a career-best 149 receiving yards.

Vick could only cheer them on. His 11 plays, which included seven handoffs, resulted in a net of 30 yards.

"I think I played fairly well," Vick said. "I made good decisions with the plays I had. I missed one ball across the middle. I think I could have hit that.

"I have to make sure I keep my arm warm on the sideline so when I go in there I am not cold. My focus was to be smart and not turn the ball over."

Vick did just that in a game coach Andy Reid said helped Vick knock some of the rust off. The Eagles have a bye next weekend and then play here in two weeks against the winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"Just to go out there and get the jitters out of the way and get knocked around a few times (was good)," Vick said. "It will be totally different feel when we come back against Tampa because I don't feel all eyes will be on me, which is normal."

Vick took the field on the second play from scrimmage. He lined up at wide receiver, went in motion and had a handoff faked to him, then watched as McCoy lost a yard on a carry.

Some in the crowd rose to give Vick a standing ovation, but he was back on the sideline so quickly — after one play — that many fans at Lincoln Financial Field didn't seem to notice him.

Steelers (FROM PAGE ONE)

Palmer led a frenetic five-minute drive that took 16 plays, covered 71 yards and culminated in his 4-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell with 14 seconds to go. The Bengals converted two fourth-down plays on the drive, including Brian Leonard's 11-yard catch-and-run on fourth-and-10 that moved the ball to the 4 yard line.

It was eerily similar to the season opener, when the Bengals did next to nothing against Denver's defense, then put together a long touchdown drive in the closing minutes. A tipped pass that Brandon Stokley took for an 87-yard touchdown rescued the Broncos and gave them a 12-7 win.

There would be no weird play at the end of this one.

"The locker room was ecstatic after the game," said Palmer, who was 20 of 37 for 183 yards. "We hung around long enough, and we deserved to win the game."

In the locker room, Sam Cooke's song "A Change is Gonna Come" played on a continuous loop. One of the lines from the opening verse summed up the day: "It's been a long, a long time coming."

"Priceless," offensive lineman Bobbie Williams said. "The past is the past. This is a new team and a new day."

LEFTOVERS: With four catches for 82 yards, the Steelers' Hines Ward upped his career total to 10,022 yards ... Steelers rookie Mike Wallace had seven catches for 102 yards ... Limas Sweed dropped a touchdown pass in the end zone in the second half ... Rookie tight end David Johnson started at fullback but left in the second series with a leg injury ... Rookie fullback Frank Summers was on the inactive list ... James Harrison got his first sack of the season ... The Steelers host San Diego Sunday at 8:20 p.m.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	90	65	.581	—
Atlanta	85	70	.548	5
Florida	83	73	.532	7 1/2
New York	67	89	.429	23 1/2
Washington	52	103	.335	38

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	90	66	.577	—
Chicago	81	74	.523	8 1/2
Milwaukee	77	79	.494	13
Cincinnati	74	82	.474	16
Houston	72	83	.465	17 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	96	.377	31

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	93	63	.596	—
Colorado	88	68	.564	5
San Francisco	83	73	.532	10
San Diego	72	85	.459	21 1/2
Arizona	68	88	.436	25

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 11, Washington 5
Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 2
Cincinnati 10, Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers 8, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 7, Philadelphia 5
Florida 9, N.Y. Mets 6
Arizona 8, San Diego 5
St. Louis 6, Colorado 3

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 0
Atlanta 6, Washington 3, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 6, L.A. Dodgers 5
Houston 3, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 5
Colorado 4, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Arizona 7, San Diego 4

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Duke 10-15), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (Bazardo 0-2) at Philadelphia (Hamels 10-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Figueroa 2-7) at Washington (Detwiler 0-6), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (A.Sanchez 3-7) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 13-10), 7:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	100	56	.641	—
Boston	91	64	.587	8 1/2
Tampa Bay	79	76	.510	20 1/2
Toronto	72	84	.462	28
Baltimore	60	95	.387	39 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	83	72	.535	—
Minnesota	81	74	.523	2
Chicago	75	81	.481	8 1/2
Cleveland	64	91	.413	19
Kansas City	64	92	.410	19 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	91	64	.587	—
Texas	85	70	.548	6
Seattle	80	76	.513	11 1/2
Oakland	75	81	.481	16 1/2

y-clinched division

Saturday's Games

Toronto 5, Seattle 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 0
Cleveland 9, Baltimore 8
Detroit 12, Chicago White Sox 5
Minnesota 11, Kansas City 6
Texas 15, Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 15, L.A. Angels 10

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 9, Baltimore 0
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2
Toronto 5, Seattle 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 4
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 1
Tampa Bay 7, Texas 6
L.A. Angels 7, Oakland 4

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-10) at Cleveland (Laffey 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 7-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Gaudin 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Blackburn 11-11) at Detroit (Porcello 14-9), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Hendrickson 5-5) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-6), 7:08 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 7-10) at Boston (Beckett 16-6), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Tom.Hunter 9-4) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-8), 10:05 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	0	1	2	AMcCt cf	5	2	3	0
Pierre lf	5	0	1	0	AnLRc 3b	5	1	2	2
Ethier rf	4	0	0	0	GJones rf	2	1	0	0
Kemp cf	4	0	1	0	Milledg lf	5	0	1	2
Loney 1b	4	2	2	0	R.Diaz c	4	0	0	0
Belliird 3b	4	0	2	0	Pearce 1b	4	0	1	0
JCastro pr-3b	0	1	0	0	L.Cruz ss	3	0	1	0
RMartn c	4	1	1	1	Bixler 2b	3	1	1	0
OHudsn 2b	1	1	1	0	DlwYn ph	1	1	1	0
Kershw p	0	0	0	0	DMcCt p	2	0	0	0
Mntkw ph	1	0	0	0	JChavz p	0	0	0	0
JeWvr p	0	0	0	0	RVazqz ph	1	0	0	0
Thome ph	1	0	0	1	Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0	Capps p	0	0	0	0
Sherrill p	0	0	0	0	Moss ph	1	0	1	0
MRmrz ph	0	0	0	0					
Broxtn p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	5	9	4	Totals	36	6	11	4

Los Angeles	001	000	103 — 5
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One out when winning run scored.
E—Furcal (20), Ethier (7). LOB—Los Angeles 7, Pittsburgh 9. 2B—Belliard (14), An.LaRoche (24), Pearce (13). 3B—A.McCutchen (8). SB—A.McCutchen (17). S—O.Hudson, Kershaw.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Kershaw	4	4	2	2	1	4
Jef.Weaver	2	2	0	0	1	2
Belisario	1	1	0	0	1	2
Sherrill	1	0	0	0	0	1
Broxton L,7-2	1-3	4	4	3	1	0
Pittsburgh						
D.McCutchen	6	5	2	2	2	3
J.Chavez BS,4-4	1	1	0	0	1	1
Hanrahan	1	0	0	0	0	0
Capps W,4-8	1	3	3	2	1	1

D.McCutchen pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
WP—Kershaw 2. PB—R.Diaz.
Umpires—Home, Brian O'Nora; First, Adrian Johnson; Second, Gary Cederstrom; Third, Fieldin Culbreth.
T—3:09. A—26,831 (38,362).

WNBA Finals

Tuesday
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Thursday
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sunday
Phoenix at Indiana, 4 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 7
Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
x-Friday, Oct. 9
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Felix Jones and the Dallas Cowboys will host Carolina at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television
8:30 p.m. - ESPN - Carolina at Dallas, pro football
Radio
12:35 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Los Angeles Dodgers at Pittsburgh, baseball.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	4	0
Chartiers Valley	2	0	4	0
West Mifflin	1	1	3	1
Trinity	1	1	1	3
Ringgold	0	1	2	2
Belle Vernon Area	0	1	2	2
Elizabeth Forward	0	2	2	2

Friday
Ringgold at Elizabeth Forward
West Mifflin at Belle Vernon Area
Trinity at Chartiers Valley
Thomas Jefferson at Laurel Highlands

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Uniontown	2	0	3	1
Laurel Highlands	2	0	2	2
Greensburg Salem	1	0	3	1
Yough	1	1	1	3
Southmoreland	0	1	0	4
Albert Gallatin	0	2	1	3
Derry	0	2	0	4

Friday
Yough at Albert Gallatin
S'moreland at Derry
Uniontown at Grb. Salem
Thomas Jefferson at Laurel Highlands

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jeannette	4	0	4	0
Mt. Pleasant	4	0	4	0
Charleroi	3	1	3	1
McGuffey	3	1	3	1
Greensburg Central	2	2	2	2
Washington	2	2	2	2
Waynesburg	1	3	1	3
Brownsville	1	3	1	3
Washington	2	2	2	2
South Allegheny	0	4	0	4
East Allegheny	0	4	0	4

Friday
Charleroi at Jeannette
Washington at Brownsville
East Allegheny at Mt. Pleasant
South Allegheny at McGuffey
Grb. Cenral at Waynesburg

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Beth-Center	2	0	3	1
Monessen	2	0	2	2
California	2	0	3	1
Jefferson-Morgan	1	1	3	1
Carmichaels	1	1	1	3
Geibel	0	2	1	3
West Greene	0	2	0	4
Mapletown	0	2	0	4

Saturday
California 49, Geibel 21
Friday
Beth-Center at Monessen
Mapletown at California
Jeff-Morgan at Carmichaels
Geibel at West Greene

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Fort Cherry	2	0	4	0
Clairton	2	0	3	1
Chartiers-Houston	1	1	3	1
Serra	1	1	3	1
Frazier	1	1	2	2
Burgettstown	1	1	2	2
Bentworth	0	2	1	3
Avella	0	2	1	3

Friday
Frazier at Chartiers-Houston
Serra at Avella
Clairton at Fort Cherry
Saturday
Bentworth at Burgettsown, 1:30 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	0	0	1.000	64	33
New England	2	1	0	.667	60	50
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	64	72
Miami	0	3	0	.000	43	69

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1.000	72	45
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	60	69
Houston	1	2	0	.333	65	86
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	58	71

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	103	53
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	61	56
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	47	50
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	29	95

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	62	16
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	73	64
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	36	57
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	48	85

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	80	48
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	65	54
Washington	1	2	0	.333	40	49

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	120	56
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	30	66
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	41	91

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	88	57
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	81	63
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	57	54
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	59	86

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	67	53
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	57	48
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	24	73

Sunday's Games

Detroit 19, Washington 14
N.Y. Jets 24, Tennessee 17
Green Bay 36, St. Louis 17
Baltimore 34, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 27, San Francisco 24
Jacksonville 31, Houston 24
New England 26, Atlanta 10
N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 0
Philadelphia 34, Kansas City 14
Chicago 25, Seattle 19
New Orleans 27, Buffalo 7
San Diego 23, Miami 13
Denver 23, Oakland 3
Cincinnati 23, Pittsburgh 20
Indianapolis 31, Arizona 10

Today's Game

Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Carolina

Monday, Oct. 5

Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Steelers summary

Pittsburgh	10	3	7	0	— 20
Cincinnati	0	3	6	14	— 23

First Quarter
Pit—FG Reed 19, 6:55.
Pit—Parker 27 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 1:02.
Second Quarter
Pit—FG Reed 24, 12:44.
Cin—FG Graham 34, :00.
Third Quarter
Cin—Joseph 30 interception return (run failed), 13:35.
Pit—Roethlisberger 1 run (Reed kick), 3:00.
Fourth Quarter
Cin—Benson 23 run (pass failed), 9:14.
Cin—Caldwell 4 pass from C.Palmer (Leonard pass from C.Palmer), :14.
A—64,538.

	Pit	Cin
First downs	17	19
Total NetYards	373	273
Rushes-yards	28-102	19-100
Passing	271	173
Punt Returns	0-0	1-17
Kickoff Returns	4-110	5-104
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-30
Comp-Att-Int	22-31-1	20-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	2-10
Punts	2-42.5	5-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-51	4-30
Time ofPossession	34:42	25:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Parker 25-93, Moore 1-6, Roethlisberger 2-3. Cincinnati, Benson 16-76, Crocker 1-21, J.Johnson 1-2, C.Palmer 1-1.
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 22-31-1-276. Cincinnati, C.Palmer 20-37-0-183.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, Wallace 7-102, Miller 5-20, Ward 4-82, Parker 2-36, Holmes 1-18, Spaeth 1-7, Moore 1-6, Sweed 1-5. Cincinnati, Caldwell 6-52, Ochocinco 5-54, Coles 5-34, Henry 1-19, Leonard 1-11, Coats 1-8, Benson 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Pittsburgh, Reed 52 (WL). Cincinnati, Graham 52 (WL).

Football summary

California 49, Geibel 21

California	6	20	16	7	-	49
Geibel	0	21	0	0	-	21

California - Tonini (8, run)
Geibel - Caldwell (33, pass from Erdely) Kovalchuk (kick)
Geibel - Caldwell (4, run) Kovalchuk (kick)
California - Martinak (22, run)
California - T. Conway (12, blocked punt return) Conway (pass from Martinak)
Geibel - Henckel (90, kick return) Kovalchuk(kick)
California - Martinak (15, run)
Caliofrnia - Martinak (51, run) Tarquinio (pass from Martinak)
California - Martinak (50, run) Martinak (run)
California - Evans (1,run) Wohar (kick)

PSAC football standings

West Division	Conf. W	L	Overall W	L
Edinboro	2	0	4	1
California	2	0	3	2
Mercyhurst	2	0	3	2
Slippery Rock	1	1	4	1
Clarion	1	1	2	3
Indiana	0	2	3	2
Gannon	0	2	2	3
Lock Haven	0	2	0	4

Saturday
California 35, Clarion 31
Slippery Rock 7, Indiana 3
Edinboro 22, Gannon 20
Mercyhurst 19, Lock Haven 7
Saturday
1 p.m, - California at Indiana
2 p.m. - Gannon at Clarion; Mercyhurst at Slippery Rock; Lock Haven at Edinboro.

Cal U summary

Clarion	10	6	9	6	- 31
California	7	14	0	14	- 35

Clarion - Huether (11, run) Mamula (kick)
California - Moore (37, pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
Clarion - FG, mamula (43).
California - Jackson (11, pass from Poris) Domonkpos (kick)
California - Moore (17, pass from Bacco) Domonkos (kick)
Clarion - Foradora (16, pass from Huether)
Clarion - FG, Mamula (44)
Clarion - Hoggard (4, run)
California - Bacco (8, run) Domonkos (kick)
Clarion - Robinson (44, pass frm Huether)
California - Cherry (47, pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)

Team statistics

	Cla	Cal
First downs	20	24
Yds rushingf	88	199
Yds passing	271	218
Passes	21-37-1	14-24-0
Fumbles, lost	0-0	3-2
Punts, ave.	4-37	7-33
Penalties, yds	7-66	7-75

Individual statistics
Rushing
Californa - Bacco, 20 for 114 yds; Anderson, 7 for 33 yds; Portis, 8 for 33 yds; Wilson, 7 for 17 yds; Johnson, 1 for 2 yds.
Clarion - Hoggard, 19 for 50 yds; Huether, 5 for 38 yds.
Passing
California - Portis,, 13 of 23 for 201 yds; Bacco, 1 of 1 for 17 yds.
Clarion - Huether, 21 of 37 for 271 yds, 1 int.
Pass receiving
California - Moore, 5 for 84 yds; Jackson, 5 for 41 yds; herry, 2 for 70 yds; Williamson, 2 for 23 yds.
Clarion - Robinson, 9 for 123 yds; Foradora, 6 for 70 yds; Ward, 2 for 36 yds; Bunney, 2 for 25 yds; Irwin, 1 for 13 yds; Barrett, 1 for 4 yds.

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	1	0	0	— 1
Detroit	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 1 (Kennedy, Conner), 1:42. 2, Detroit, Franzen 4 (Rafalski, Datsyuk), 6:09 (pp).
Second Period—3, Detroit, Datsyuk 1 (Rafalski), 4:05. 4, Detroit, Ja.Williams 3 (Rafalski), 15:45 (pp).
Third Period—5, Detroit, Leino 2 (Ja.Williams, Rafalski), 14:46 (pp).
Missed Penalty Shot—Staal, Pit, 5:53 first.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 11-5-10—26. Detroit 5-10-9—24.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. Detroit, Howard. A—13,891 (20,066). T—2:23.

NHL preseason

Today's Games

Florida vs. Tappara (Finland) at Tampere, Finland, Noon
Chicago vs. HC Davos (Switzerland) at Zurich, Switzerland, 2:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Peters Township	5	0	0	6	1	1
Canon-McMillan	3	2	0	7	2	0
Upper St. Clair	4	1	0	7	1	1
Ringgold	2	3	0	7	3	0
Moon	1	4	0	2	5	1
Trinity	0	5	0	2	9	0

Saturday
Ringgold 4, Trinity 0
Peters Twp. 2, Canon-McMillan 1
Upper St. Clair 3, Moon 1
Today
C-McMillan at West Mifflin
Tuesday
Ringgold at Charleroi
Peters Twp. at Seneca Valley

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	6	0	0	7	1	0
S'moreland	5	1	0	5	3	0
Belle Vernon Area	4	2	1	7	3	1
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	1	4	4	1
Elizabeth Forward	3	3	0	5	5	0
Steel Valley	1	4	0	2	5	0
Uniontown	1	4	0	1	7	0
Yough	0	7	0	0	7	0

Saturday
Belle Vernon Area 7, Yough 0
Tuesday
BV Area at Thomas Jefferson
Elizabeth at S'moreland
South Park at Uniontown
Yough at Steel Valley

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Grb. Central	7	0	0	7	1	0
Trinity Christian	5	2	0	6	2	0
Serra	4	2	0	6	2	0
Geibel	4	3	0	6	3	0
California	2	4	1	4	6	1
Winchester Thurs.	2	3	1	2	4	1
South Allegheny	1	4	0	1	5	0
Brownsville	0	7	0	0	10	0

Saturday
Grb, Central 5, Californria 0
Geibel 14, Brownsville 0
Trinity Christian 6, Winchester Thurs. 2
Today
Riverview at Serra
Tuesday
Brownsville at California
Geibela t South Allegheny
Grb. Central at Trinity Christian
Serra at Winchester Thurston

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	5	0	0	7	1	0
Bentworth	5	1	0	5	5	0
Charleroi	4	1	0	7	2	0
C-Houston	3	3	0	3	7	1
Monessen	2	4	0	4	5	0
Brentwood	1	5	0	2	5	0
Beth-Center	0	6	0	3	6	0

Saturday
Charleroi 3, Monessen 0
Bentworth 6, Beth-Center 4
Carlynton 7, Brentwood 2
Sacred Heart 3, C-Houston 2
Today
Carlynton at Charleroi
Tuesday
Brentwood at Monessen
Bentworth at Carlynton
C-Houston at Beth-Center

Latest Line

BEST BET: Dallas is 0-6 vs. the spread its last 6 home games after facing the Giants and 0-4 vs. the spread its last 4 appearences on Monday Night Football. The Cowboys are also 4-17-1 vs. the spread at home coming off a straight-up home loss. Take Carolina +7 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
DALLAS	7 1/2 (47)	Carolina
Sunday, Oct 4		
Week Four		
HOUSTON	9 1/2 (42)	Oakland
Tennessee	2 (41)	J'VILLE
N. ENGLAND	2 1/2 (44)	Baltimore
Cincinnati	4 (38)	CLEVELAND
NY Giants	9 (42)	KC
CHICAGO	11 (38)	Detroit
WASHINGTON	7 1/2 (37)	Tampa Bay
INDIANAPOLIS	7 1/2 (45)	Seattle
N. ORLEANS	6 1/2 (49)	NY Jets
MIAMI	3 (40)	Buffalo
SAN FRAN	9 (41)	St. Louis
Dallas	2 1/2 (45)	DENVER
PITTSBURGH	5 1/2 (41)	San Diego
Monday, Oct 5		
MINNESOTA	3 1/2 (47)	Green Bay

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Wednesday, Spet 30		
LA TECH	3 1/2	Hawaii
Thursday, Oct 1		
W. VIRGINIA	17	Colorado
So. Miss	6 1/2	ALA-BIRM.
Friday, Oct 2		
Pittsburgh	6	LOUISVILLE

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Mt. Lebanon	4	0	0	6	2	0
Upper St. Clair	4	1	0	4	3	0
Canon-McMillan	4	1	0	7	3	0
Trinity	2	3	0	4	4	0
Elizabeth Forward	2	3	0	3	6	0
Ringgold	1	4	0	3	6	0
West Mifflin	0	5	0	1	7	0

Saturday
Elizabeth Forward 4, Trinity 2
Mt. Lebanon 2, Erie McDowell 1
Today
Elizabeth Forward at Ringgold
Mt. Lebanon at Upper St. Clair
Canon-McMillan at Trinity

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Belle Vernon Area	5	0	1	7	2	1
S'moreland	4	0	1	4	1	1
Connellsville	4	2	0	5	5	0
Yough	3	3	0	5	4	0
Waynesburg	3	3	0	4	5	0
Laurel Highlands	2	4	0	3	6	0
Uniontown	1	4	0	2	5	0
Albert Gallatin	0	6	0	0	8	0

Saturday
BV Area 4, Waynesburg 0
Connellsville 5, Albert Gallatin 1
Today
BV Area at Yough
Albert Gallatin at Waynesburg
Laurel Highands at Uniontown
S'moreland at Connellsville

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	5	0	0	7	1	0
South Fayette	5	0	0	6	1	1
McGuffey	3	2	0	4	4	0
Bentworth	2	3	0	5	4	0
Charleroi	2	4	0	5	6	0
C-Houston	1	4	0	1	8	0
Beth-Center	0	5	0	2	6	0

Saturday
Bentworth 5, Charleroi 3
C-Houston 3, Beth-Center 0
Today
Bentworth at Beth-Center
C-Houston at McGuffey
South Fayette at South Park

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Geibel	5	0	0	7	2	0
Mt. Pleasant	4	1	0	6	2	0
Grb. Central	4	1	0	8	2	1
Jeannette	2	2	1	3	4	2
St. Joseph	1	4	0	2	6	0
Monessen	0	4	1	2	5	1
East Allegheny	0	4	0	1	5	0

Saturday
Grb. Central 7, Monessen 0
Today
East Allegheny at Monessen
Geibel at Mt. Pleasant
Grb. Central at Jeannette

College football Top 25

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida(55)	4-0	1,490	1
2. Texas(1)	4-0	1,420	2
3. Alabama(4)	4-0	1,400	3
4. LSU	4-0	1,225	7
5. Boise St.	4-0	1,203	8
6. Virginia Tech	3-1	1,190	11
7. Southern Cal	3-1	998	12
8. Oklahoma	2-1	979	10
9. Ohio St.	3-1	957	13
10. Cincinnati	4-0	946	14
11. TCU	3-0	896	15
12. Houston	3-0	844	17
13. Iowa	4-0	788	—
14. Oklahoma St.	3-1	591	16
15. Penn St.	3-1	470	5
16. Oregon	3-1	462	—
17. Miami	2-1	452	9
18. Georgia	3-1	418	21
18. Kansas	4-0	418	20
20. BYU	3-1	349	19
21. Mississippi	2-1	340	4
22. Michigan	4-0	271	23
23. Nebraska	3-1	256	25
24. California	3-1	206	6
25. Georgia Tech	3-1	185	—

Others receiving votes: Missouri 175, Auburn 171, South Carolina 154, South Florida 145, UCLA 41, Utah 25, Wisconsin 20, Notre Dame 7, Arizona St. 4, North Carolina 2, Stanford 2.

Sports moves

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned F Sergei Kostitsyn to Hamilton (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned F Evgeny Grachev to Hartford (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Sent LW Brett MacLean and D David Schlemko to San Antonio (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Returned F Nazem Kadri to London (OHL). Assigned F Christian Hanson and D Jonas Frogren to Toronto (AHL). Released D Andy Rogers.

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SPORTS

Red Wings top Pens

DETROIT (AP) — Pavel Datsyuk and Jason Williams each had a goal and an assist, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-1 preseason win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday in a matchup of the last two Stanley Cup champions.

Johan Franzen and Ville Leino also scored and Brian Rafalski assisted on all four goals for Detroit, which scored times on the power play. Jimmy Howard made 25 saves.

"Maybe that's what we needed. Some fun against a great rival," Kris Draper said. "It seemed to bring out the best in a lot of guys."

Howard, who is Chris Osgood's backup, certainly needed a good game.

"I felt good all camp, just wasn't getting results in the win column," Howard said. "Just continue to battle and figured the tide was going to turn here sooner or later."

Detroit coach Mike Babcock praised his effort.

"I thought Howard did a real good job," he said. "He made real good saves early and gave us an opportunity to get ourselves going."

Pascal Dupuis scored for Pittsburgh (1-4-1) and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 20 shots.

There were several scrums between the teams that met in the last two Stanley Cup finals.

Pittsburgh's Bill Guerin got a 10-minute misconduct after he and teammate Kris Kunitz jumped Franzen after he had been shoving with the Penguins' Kris Letang 9:59 into the third period.

"Just things that happen during a game," Guerin said. "Just sticking up for a teammate. That's the way it goes." Kunitz got a roughing penalty and Franzen received minors for cross checking and high sticking, giving Pittsburgh a power play.

"There's a rivalry here all the time. It made for some tough hockey," the Penguins' Jordan Staal said.

Neither Penguins captain Sidney Crosby nor Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom played.

REMEMBER when?

Monessen's Dennis Popp was an All Mon Valley Conference tackle in 1966.

Tomich scores three times in BVA's 7-0 win

Leps roll over Yough to set up Tuesday's showdown with TJ.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

The Belle Vernon Area Leps tuned for Tuesday's crucial Class AA Section 3 contest at Thomas Jefferson with a 7-0 romp at Yough Saturday night.

Mark Tomich scored three goals for BVA (7-3-1, 4-2-1), which snapped a two-game losing skid.

Jordan Redfield, Joe Cervone, Nick Soltis, and TJ Radic had the other BVA goals.

"The TJ game is for third place," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha.

The Leps, who are a half-game ahead of TJ, played to a 1-1 tie with the Jaguars in their first meeting.

Ringgold 4, Trinity 0

The Rams,who had scored only one goal in their last four games, enjoyed their best offensive output of the season.

Skyler Fransko, Skyler Zimmerman, Scott Eckles, and Will Bowen were the goal scorers.

"We jumped on them and they never recovered," said Ringgold coach Ron Fransko. "We just have to keep going from here."

The next Class AAA Section 5 contest for Ringgold (7-3, 2-3) is Thursday at home against Upper St. Clair.

Charleroi 3, Monessen 0

The Cougars stayed in third place in Class A Section 4 with their fourth straight victory.

Brent Nucci scored twice and Chase Ayers added a penalty kick for Charleroi (7-2, 4-1).

"The kids played a great first half and we came out with a win," said Charleroi coach George Watkins.

The Cougars host front-running Carlynton tonight.

It was the second straight shutout loss for the Greyhounds (4-5, 2-4)

Girls

BVA 4, Waynesburg 0

Marla Sasko scored three goals as the Lady Leps won their fifth straight.

Lauren Kovalchuk had the other goal for BVA (7-2-1, 5-0-1), which has outscored its last five opponents, 31-1.

"We played a very solid game against a good section rival," said BVA coach Paul Sasko. "Our fullbacks are playing well right now and if we continue to limit the other team's chances, we will always have the opportunity to be successful."

Lindsay Lash made four saves to record her fifth shutout.

BVA visits Yough tonight.

Bentworth 5, Charleroi 3

The Lady Bearcats upped their win streak to three behind Samantha Ritzer's two goals.

Heather Podroskey, Jenna Dorazio and Erin Ritzer had the other goals for Bentworth (5-4,2-3).

Ronnie Brant scored two goals for Charleroi (5-6, 2-4) with Shannon Flament getting the other score.

Greensburg C.C. 7, Monessen 0

The Lady Greyhounds (2-5-1, 0-4-1) host East Allegheny today after losing their third straight and first shutout.

Bucs strike late to beat LA

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — This should have been so easy for the Dodgers: Jonathan Broxton on the mound, a three-run lead in the ninth inning against the dismal Pirates and an NL West title to celebrate as soon as they closed it out.

Instead, easy turned into excruciating as Los Angeles let a victory slip away when the majors' second-worst team pulled off a four-run rally aided by several defensive lapses.

Right fielder Andre Ethier misplayed Lastings Milledge's two-run single for an error that allowed the winning run to score, and last-place Pittsburgh beat the Dodgers 6-5 to prevent Los Angeles from clinching the NL West title on Sunday.

"You've got to get 27 outs. That's why baseball's a little crazy sometimes," said shortstop Rafael Furcal, who committed one of two Dodgers errors in the ninth.

Los Angeles, already assured a playoff spot, went ahead 5-2 with three runs in the ninth against Matt Capps (4-8), only to let the Pirates stage their best rally of a miserable season. Pittsburgh, four losses from 100, won for only the fifth time in 29 games.

"As many times as you snatch it back from somebody else, you have to understand those things happen," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "It's not easy to take, but that's why you watch every pitch."

The Dodgers went into the game with a magic number of two for clinching the division crown, but it essentially was one because Colorado would lose any tiebreaker with them. After they lost, the Dodgers sat quietly in front of their lockers watching the Cardinals-Rockies game, hoping for a St. Louis victory and a delayed celebration. Instead, the Rockies won 4-3, meaning the Dodgers must win Monday afternoon if they want to leave Pittsburgh as division champions. The Rockies are off Monday.

Furcal wasn't among those staying around after the Dodgers lost.

"I don't care about that game," Furcal said. "I care about us. I'll go back and think about the (bad) game we played."

Broxton (7-2) gave up singles to pinch-hitters Delwyn Young and Brandon Moss before Andrew McCutchen grounded into a force out. Andy LaRoche's infield single scored Young, making it 5-3, and McCutchen moved to third when Furcal threw wildly for an error.

Furcal also thought he should have turned a double play on McCutchen's grounder.

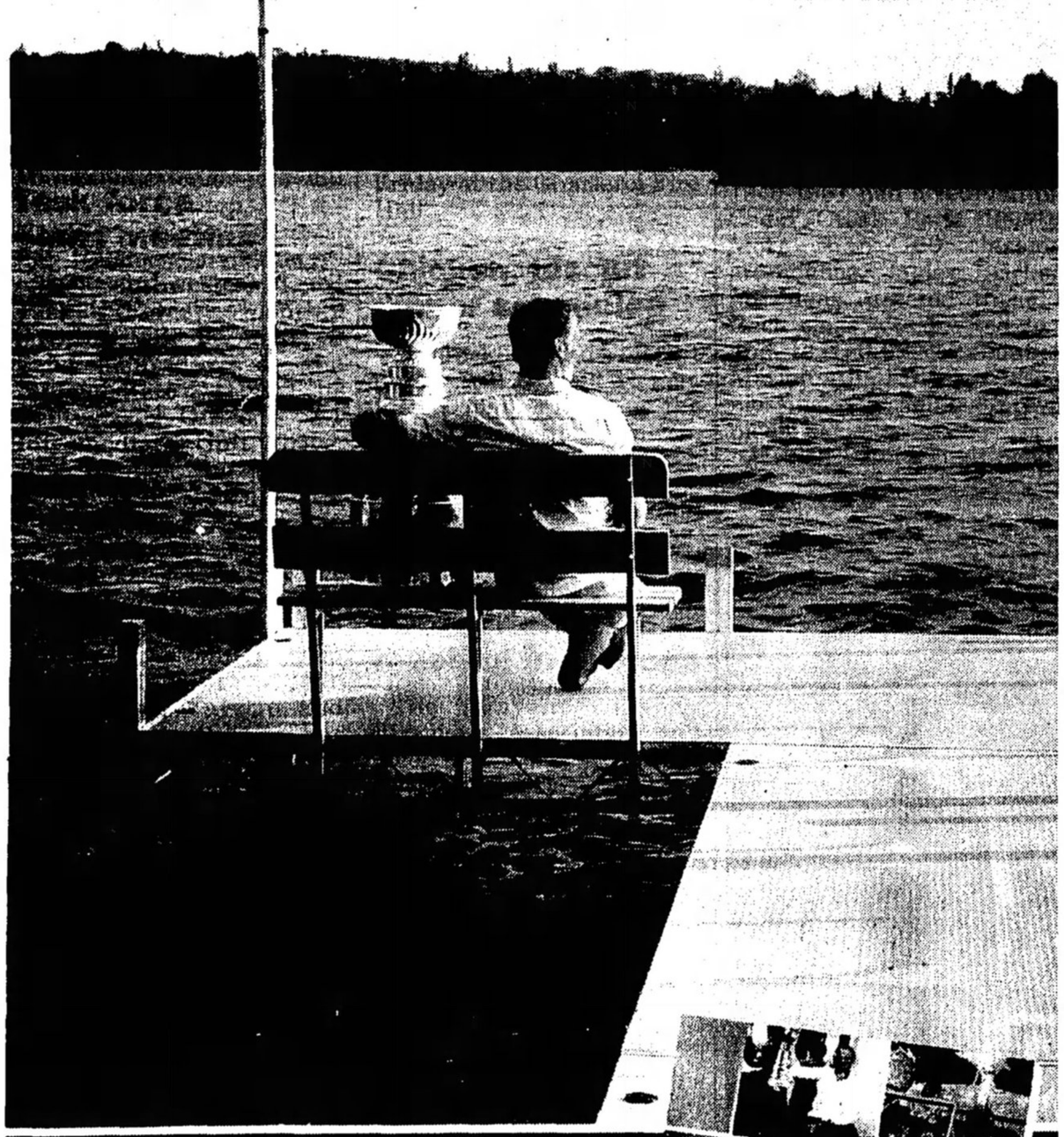
"If I make those two plays, we win easy," he said.

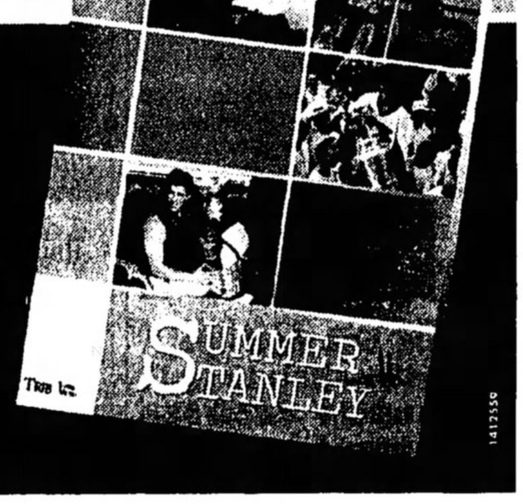
After Garrett Jones was intentionally walked for the third time, Milledge — who stranded five runners while going hitless in his first four at-bats — lined a two-run single into right field to tie it. Jones kept running on the play and scored when the ball went under Ethier's glove and rolled to the warning track.

"The Dodgers have a great team and they're going to do great things in the postseason," Milledge said. "For us to score four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning against that team and one of the best closers in baseball is quite an accomplishment. It's something we can feel good about, something that can give us a little confidence going into the offseason."

Los Angeles went into the seventh trailing Pirates rookie Daniel McCutchen 2-1, but shortstop Luis Cruz fumbled a potential double-play grounder by pinch-hitter Jim Thome and settled for getting one out as James Loney scored the tying run.

STANLEY'S SUMMER





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California tops Geibel

California High's football team will take a two-game winning streak into Friday's Tri-County South Conference contest against Mapletown at on its new field.

The Trojans scored the last 29 points to pull out a 49-21 victory in the rain over host Geibel Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 21-20 in the second quarter after a 90-yard kick return by the Gators' Christian Henckel. D.J. Martinak put the Trojans (3-1, 2-0) ahead to stay with a 15-yard touchdown run with 49 seconds left in the first half.

Martinak, who ran for 177 yards and threw for 109, ended ant Geibel comeback hopes with scoring runs of 51 and 50 yards in the third quarter.

Martinak also had a 22-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Also scoring touchdowns for the Trojans were Brad Tonini (8-yard run), T.D. Conway (12-yard blocked punt return) and Mike Evans (1-yard run).

Hudnell Caldwell had Geibel's first two touchdowns on a 33-yard pass from Chris Ergely and a 4-yard run.

Geibel (1-3, 0-2) scored all of its points in the second quarter.

SPORTS DIGEST

Phil wins Tour Championship, Tiger the FedEx Cup

ATLANTA (AP) — Phil Mickelson had the smaller check and felt like the biggest winner. Tiger Woods was congratulated after he finished second in the Tour Championship.

Sunday was the ninth time that golf's two biggest stars finished 1-2 in a tournament.

Never have they shared the spotlight, each going home with a trophy that was meaningful in its own way.

Mickelson capped off a tumultuous summer at home with a spectacular rally at East Lake, closing with a 5-under 65 to go from four shots behind to a three-shot victory, his first since his wife and mother were diagnosed with breast cancer in the spring.

Woods made two late birdies, not enough to put any heat on Mickelson, but to secure the FedEx Cup and its $10 million bonus. It finished a season in which he won six times and was no worse than second in nine of his 17 tournaments.

Johnson dominates with fifth victory at Dover

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson says winning a Chase race gives his No. 48 team direction. If the last three seasons are his map, all roads lead toward another Sprint Cup championship.

Johnson has the Chase for the championship victory. All he needs now is that points lead.

Johnson thumped the competition in the second Chase for the championship race, sweeping the season races at Dover International Speedway to accelerate his bid for an unprecedented fourth straight championship.

"I certainly hope that our performance today scares some people and affects them in a way that benefits us," Johnson said.

Johnson sliced Mark Martin's points lead with the victory — his fourth of the year and 44th overall — in the second of 10 races in the Chase. Martin holds a 10-point lead over Johnson heading into Week 3 at Kansas Speedway.

Florida's Tebow out of hospital

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was out of the hospital and back home Sunday, recovering from the concussion he sustained during the Gators' 41-7 victory at Kentucky.

Tebow was released from the University Medical Center in Lexington, Ky., Sunday morning. He was held for precautionary reasons. Coach Urban Meyer spent the night in the hospital with Tebow, who flew back to Gainesville with his family and Meyer in the afternoon.

The top-ranked Gators (4-0) are off next week, then play at LSU on Oct. 10. It might be several days, maybe longer, before Tebow's status becomes clearer for what could be the toughest game on the defending national champions' schedule.

It would be even tougher without Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner.

Star-studded celebration greets Shaq in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — All-Star center Shaquille O'Neal, the big man the Cavaliers are counting on to deliver Cleveland a title, was welcomed to town on Sunday with a star-studded celebration that included sports celebrities and Average Joes looking to rub elbows with them.

Fans lined up more than an hour outside The Barley House in the downtown Warehouse District for a chance to see Cleveland's newest wonder: Shaq.

Trivia answer

37 interceptions.

TV LISTINGS

Anxiety-ridden student seeks help learning how to relax

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I am sick of being afraid of everything in my life.

I'm a 21-year-old college student who wakes up every morning wondering what will go wrong today or what I am going to screw up this time.

I don't know how to get beyond the little misfortunes that occur on a daily basis, and I take every form of criticism to heart, even if it's a joke.

I get nervous before and during every activity I take part in.

I also get nervous talking to close friends and relatives and have a hard time articulating what I mean to say because I'm afraid everyone is judging me.

Please tell me how to relax for once; I honestly do not know how.

My stress level is over the top, and it exhausts me beyond belief. I know I have a problem, and counseling is not an option. — **MESSED UP IN OHIO**

DEAR MESSED UP: Excuse me?

Counseling is not only an "option," in your case it is important you seek it out.

You are fortunate to be in college, because your next stop should be the student health center.

Anxiety can feed on itself, and sometimes it takes medical and psychological intervention to quiet the adrenaline rush that's causing it.

Once that's done, you can then address the cause of your depression and low self-esteem and start feeling better about yourself.

Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old and during this past year I have been exposed to more drugs than I ever thought possible.

I have tried many of them — from prescription drugs, marijuana and cocaine to ecstasy.

I know my decisions were reckless.

Abby, I'm writing this in the hope of reaching out to anyone who will listen. I was blessed that I didn't become addicted, and even luckier that I'm still alive.

There are those who are not as fortunate as I am.

I have heard more stories about drug abuse, overdoses and drug-related deaths in my town than I can handle.

I want to change this.

I want to make a difference.

But I need help.

How can I get involved and make people in my community more aware that our town has a problem? — **REACHING OUT IN LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZ.**

DEAR REACHING OUT: By writing this letter, you have already taken the first step in raising awareness.

Now it's up to your local police and your board of education to take some action.

Everyone knows that passing laws is not enough unless they are enforced.

And one of the most effective weapons in eliminating drug abuse is education.

DEAR ABBY: Can you please tell me where is the proper placement of a name tag?

I own a small business and attend many networking events.

Some people have told me the tag should be worn on the right side so you can see it when you shake hands.

Others say it should be on the left, because people read from left to right.

What is the proper etiquette? — **JEFF IN STUART, FLA.**

DEAR JEFF: According to Emily Post, the tags are usually worn on the right side because that's where most people look when they first greet each other with a handshake.

(Using this logic, some women should paste the tag just above the middle of their chests.)

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

MONDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News at Six 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 6	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric 7 Entertainment 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N) 7 Inside Edition 10 Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "Double Date" Ted's blind date. (N)	Accidentally on Purpose "Memento" Billie snoops. (N)	Two and a Half Men Women rule Charlie's house. (N)	(:31) The Big Bang Theory "The Jiminy Conjecture" High-stakes bet. (N)	CSI: Miami "Hostile Takeover" To save hostages, Horatio must submit to a gunman's bizarre request. (N)		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Dr. Mehmet Oz; Avett Brothers. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Chris O'Donnell; Paula Poundstone. (N)		2 (:37) Extra (N) 7 (:37) The Dr. Oz Show 10 (:37) Paid Programming	2 10 (:07) Paid Programming	2 (:37) Paid Programming 7 10 (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 Action News at 6 23 Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition 23 Jeopardy! (N)	4 Entertainment Tonight 23 Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Celebrities and their dance partners perform. (Live)				(:02) Castle Two murders take place on the same night; Castle makes a bet with Esposito and Ryan. (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Courteney Cox; Jessica Capshaw.		4 (:06) Oprah Winfrey 23 (:06) Paid Programming	23 (:36) RENO 911!	(:06) Paid Programming	4 Action News at 11 23 Paid Prog
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) 9 News (N) 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight (N) 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 9 11 Wheel of Fortune	Heroes "Ink" While facing the consequences of his heroic acts, Peter meets a reluctant new hero. (N)		Trauma "Pilot" (Series Premiere) Tragedy hits close to home for the trauma team at San Francisco City Hospital. (N)		The Jay Leno Show Bill Maher; Brad Paisley; Sheryl Crow. (N)		6 WJAC-TV News 9 News 11 Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Drew Barrymore; Joe Talamo; Paramore. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Jesse Metcalfe; Caleb Aero; Metric.	(:05) Poker After Dark Howard Lederer; Marco Traniello; Dario Minieri; Erick Lindgren; Max Pescatori; Chris Ferguson. (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 Seinfeld 53 Two and a Half Men	8 The Simpsons 53 My Name Is Earl	8 That '70s Show 53 Two and a Half Men	8 My Name Is Earl 53 Seinfeld	House "Epic Fail" Ailing video game creator opts for treatments suggested by people on the Internet. (N)		Lie to Me "The Core of It" A woman with multiple personalities may be either a killer or a murder witness.		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 (:35) My Name Is Earl Conjugal-visit day.	8 (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond 53 Seinfeld	8 (:35) Seinfeld 53 My Name Is Earl	8 Star Trek: The Next Generation 53 Frasier	53 Paid Programming	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 (:35) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 George Lopez	8 Paid Program 53 House of Payne
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	The National Parks: America's Best Idea President Theodore Roosevelt champions the national parks. (N) (DVS)					Yellowstone: Land to Life	Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels	The National Parks: America's Best Idea President Theodore Roosevelt champions the national parks.			
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office "Hot Girl"	The Office "Diwali"	One Tree Hill "Hold My Hand as I'm Lowered" (N)		Gossip Girl "The Lost Boy" (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
22 WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		"Last Flight Out" (2003) Richard Tyson.			Love-Think.	Origins	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles	All World		Focus 4		Heritage	Munroe
59 WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	The FBI Files		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Big Brother"		Criminal Minds		Intervention "Charles"		Intervention (N)		Hoarders Criminal littering.		Paranormal	Paranormal	Intervention "Charles"		Intervention		Hoarders Criminal littering.	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Lincoln Heights (N)		Greek (N)		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Lincoln Heights		Big Grill	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:00) ★★★ "Mystic River" (2003) Sean Penn.				★★★ "Under the Tuscan Sun" (2003) Diane Lane. Premiere.					(:45) Mad Men "Seven Twenty Three"			(11:47) ★★★ "My Girl" (1991) Anna Chlumsky.				(:15) Mad Men	
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Almighty Amphibians		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Animal Cops Houston (N)		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Animal Cops Houston		Almighty Amphibians	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Top Gear (N)		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			★★★ "The Color Purple" (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery.							The Wendy Williams Show		Rising Icons	Frankie	The Game	The Game	The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		The Rachel Zoe Project (N)		Mercy		The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Flipping Out	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Wofford Family"				Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		Videos	Jacked Up
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		American Greed		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ "The Ex" (2006) Zach Braff, Amanda Peet.				Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002)				Daily Show	Colbert	Michael	Michael	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Atom TV
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Man vs. Wild "Siberia"		Man vs. Wild "Vietnam"		County Jail: Las Vegas (N)		Machines of Malice (N)		Man vs. Wild "Vietnam"		County Jail: Las Vegas		Machines of Malice		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	Suite Life	★★ "Jungle 2 Jungle" (1997, Comedy) Tim Allen.				Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	★★ "Never Been Kissed"		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Girls	Girls	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Reality Hell	Girls	Girls Next Dr	The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	Monday Night Kickoff		Monday Night Countdown (Live)		NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Dallas Cowboys. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live)			NFL PrimeTime (N)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	NHRA Drag Racing		SportsCentury		Boxing: Oliveira vs. Tackie		NHL Hockey: 1987 Patrick Division Semifinals Game 7 -- Islanders at Capitals						American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing	Greatest Hits	Greatest Hits
ESPN2	NASCAR Now (Live)		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		Baseball Tonight		2009 World Series of Poker		Baseball Tonight		NFL Films	College Football Florida at Kentucky.		
EWTN	Pope Benedict XVI in the Czech Republic			Groeschel	The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Paula's Best	Minute	Challenge		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Under the Lights		Spotlight (N)	Raw Tapes	Raising the Cup in '91		Raising the Cup in '92		Spotlight	Final Score	Raw Tapes	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	World Poker	
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Ice Age: The Meltdown" (2006, Comedy)				★★ "Ice Age: The Meltdown" (2006) Voices of Ray Romano.					★, "The Bachelor" (1999) Chris O'Donnell.				'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10	Golf Videos	Golf Videos	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	Golf Videos	Golf Videos	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent (N)	Intervention	First Place	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place
HIST	Life After People		Modern Marvels		Day After Disaster (N)				Clash of the Gods (N)		History's Mysteries		Day After Disaster				Clash of the Gods	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Medium "Profiles in Terror"		Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva "What If?"		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Popzilla	Best Dance Crew		True Life		True Life		True Life		★★ "The Beach" (2000, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tilda Swinton.					Pranked	Best Dance Crew	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Glenn Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Naughty Kitchen		★★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.						The Tyra Banks Show		The Tyra Banks Show		Naughty Kitchen	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Your Mind	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	Rocky IV	Ultimate Iceman: Chuck Liddell			UFC Unleashed		UFC Fight Night				The Ultimate Fighter		DEA		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager	
SYFY	Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Street Fighter Alpha Gener.		Street	Voltron	Lost		The X-Files "Anasazi"	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	★ "Anaconda" (1997) (PA) Jennifer Lopez.			Steve Harvey	
TCM	Scandal	★★ "Gun Fury" (1953) Rock Hudson.			★★★ "Alice" (1990) Mia Farrow, Joe Mantegna.				"A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy"		(:45) ★★★ "See No Evil" (1971) Mia Farrow.				★★★ "A Dandy in Aspic" (1968)			
TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Dress	Dress
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer "Half Loaded"		The Closer		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY		Cold Case "Best Friends"	
TOON	Hot Wheels	"Teen Titans: Trouble in Tokyo" (2006)			Star Wars	Teen Titans	Bobb'e Says	Dude	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Home	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures	Anthony Bourdain		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Bait Car	Bait Car	Bait Car	Bait Car	Bait Car	Bait Car	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Left for Dead"		NCIS "Once a Hero"		NCIS "Twisted Sister"		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				Community	Community	(12:05) ★★ "Miami Vice" (2006, Crime Drama) Colin Farrell, Jamie Foxx.					
VH1	My Antonio		Tool Academy		Behind the Music		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Tool Academy		My Antonio		Real Chance of Love	
VS.	Beach Volleyball		Sports	Sports Soup	World Extreme Cagefighting				WEC WrekCage		World Extreme Cagefighting				World Extreme Cagefighting From Sacramento, Calif.			
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Most Popular		Celebrity Wedding Gowns	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Tremors	★★ "The Crush" (1993) Cary Elwes.			★ "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999)				(:40) ★★ "Spider-Man 3" (2007) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst.				(12:05) ★★★ "Natural Born Killers" (1994)				(:05) "The Perfect Holiday"	
HBO	★★ "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008) Queen Latifah.				Real Time With Bill Maher		★★ "Baby Mama" (2008) Tina Fey.			Couples Ret.	Boxing Cristobal Arreola vs. Vitali Klitschko.				REAL Sports		(:15) Curb Your Enthusiasm	
MAX	(5:00) ★★★ "American Gangster" (2007)				★ "Fool's Gold" (2008) Matthew McConaughey.					★★ "Choke" (2008) Sam Rockwell.		Sex Games	Sex Games	(:35) ★★★ "Casino" (1995) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone.				
SHOW	(5:45) ★ "Witless Protection" (2008) iTV.		★★ "Lions for Lambs" (2007) iTV.		Dexter "Living the Dream"				Californ	Californ	Dexter "Living the Dream"		★★★ "The Bank Job" (2008) Jason Statham. iTV.				"From Dusk Till Dawn"	
STARZ	(5:00) "The Family Man"		(:10) ★ "88 Minutes" (2007) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt.		★★ "First Sunday" (2008) Ice Cube.				(:40) "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist"		(12:10) ★★ "High School Musical 3: Senior Year"						(:05) "The Family Man"	

FEATURES

Frugal Living

Kick off football season with tasty party foods

Sara **NOEL**

Invite friends over, and have a football party.

It's a frugal, fun night you can spend at home. Food and football go hand in hand.

Finger foods work well, but a hot mug of chili will satisfy energetic sports fans. You can set it up in a slow cooker and plug it in nearby, so no one has to go to another room and miss a thing during the game.

The following recipes are crowd pleasers. They're so delicious you'll get recipe requests for the big game.

Hot Cheese Dip

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup mayonnaise
2 green onions, chopped
pepper, to taste
pinch of ground nutmeg
8 ounces shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a medium bowl, combine the cream cheese, mayonnaise, onions, pepper and nutmeg.

Mix in the Swiss cheese. Transfer to glass casserole dish. Top with almonds. Bake for 7 minutes. Stir and bake for an additional 8 minutes. Serve with crackers. – Ellise, South Carolina

Bacon Dogs

1 (14-ounce) package beef cocktail wieners or hot dogs
1 pound sliced bacon, cut into half or thirds, depending on the size of hot dogs

3/4 cup brown sugar, or to taste

Preheat oven to 325 F. Wrap each cocktail wiener or hot dog with a piece of bacon, and secure with a toothpick.

Place on a large baking sheet. Sprinkle brown sugar generously and evenly over top.

Bake for 40 minutes. Serve in slow cooker or cook entirely in slow cooker on low until bacon is cooked and sugar is bubbly. – Brenda, Missouri

Spicy Chili

1-1/2 pounds ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 clove fresh garlic, minced
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground oregano
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 cans diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
1 (16-ounce) can kidney beans, undrained
1 (16-ounce) can chili or pinto beans
1/2 teaspoon sugar
5-1/2 ounces tomato juice

Brown together ground beef, onion, green pepper and garlic; drain well. Add all the spices along with the diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, sugar and tomato juice. Mix well, and bring to a boil. Simmer for 30 minutes. – Kathy, Texas

Buffalo Chicken Dip

3 chicken breasts, shredded
1/2 cup Frank's RedHot sauce
2 (8-ounce) packages cold cream cheese, cubed
1 cup ranch salad dressing
1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 bunch celery, cleaned and cut into 4-inch pieces
1 (8-ounce) box chicken-flavored crackers

Heat chicken and hot sauce in a skillet over medium heat until heated through.

Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook, stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in half of the shredded cheese, and transfer the mixture to a slow cooker.

Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover, and cook on low until hot and bubbly. Serve with celery sticks and crackers. – Theresa S., Pennsylvania

Drunken Kielbasa

1 package kielbasa
1 bottle chili sauce
1 cup brown sugar
1 can beer

Slice kielbasa into 1-inch pieces. Place in saucepan.

Combine chili sauce, brown sugar and beer. Pour over kielbasa, and simmer for 45 minutes. Serve warm with toothpicks. – Brenda, Missouri

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Family Fun Hour, Monongahela Area Library, 6:30 p.m.

■ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Angel Food Ministry registration, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Ex-band, cheerleaders invited to alumni night

Former band members, majorettes, color guard, drum majors, band directors and cheerleaders are invited to participate in Monessen Alumni Night, Friday at the Memorial Stadium. To participate, contact Hilary Brown, band director, at (724) 684-7100 or e-mail hsbrown@wiu.k12.pa.us. Former cheerleaders should call Linda Popp at (724) 684-4456.

Diabetes Education Day planned at MVH

Diabetes Education Day will take place 9 a.m. Saturday in the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital. It is designed to provide information on the risks for diabetes and ways to manage the disease. It will include blood pressure checks, refreshments, wellness screening procedures and health information. To register, call (724) 258-1148 from 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. today through Friday.

Pioneer-type dresses featured at Pioneer Days

The Fine Arts Club, of Perryopolis, will exhibit pioneer-type dresses noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday Pioneer Days, at the Frazier House on Concord Street. The genealogy room, manned by the Daughters of the American Colonists, will be open.

Craft, bake, used book sale set at Rostraver Library

The Friends of the Rostraver Library, above Willowbrook Plaza, will sponsor a craft show, bake sale and used book sale at the library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Oktoberfest dinner planned in W. Newton

An Oktoberfest dinner to benefit Downtown West Newton Inc. activities will take place 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the West Newton gym on South Fifth Street. The buffet will comprise pork and sauerkraut, kielbasa, bratwurst, hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, beverages and desserts. The International Buttonbox Players will perform. Advance tickets are available from Downtown West Newton Inc. members.

Nemacolin Castle tours available

The Brownsville Historical Society will sponsor Candlelight Ghost Tours, 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday from Oct. 3-30 and Nov. 1 at Nemacolin Castle on Front Street. The Pennsylvania Paranormal Research Group will appear and display photographs it has taken at the castle. Group tour rates are available. For information, call (724) 785-6882 or visit www.nemacolincastle.org.

Ballroom dance classes scheduled

The Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township, will offer ballroom dance classes beginning Oct. 10. Classes will meet 10 to 11:30 a.m. for eight weeks. Each participants must have a partner. The lessons will include such dances as waltz, swing, fox trot. Preregistration is required. For information, call (724) 483-8077.

Rosary crusade planned at Monessen City Park

The Italian American Heritage Society of Monessen will sponsor a public profession of faith. The "American Needs Fatime" campaign conduct a public square Rosary crusade noon Oct. 10 at the City Park walking track. Participants should bring seats. No walking required. For information, call Shirley Beneccio at (724) 684-7099.

Wing night in works

The Charleroi Elks will sponsor wing night 6 p.m. Mondays. For takeouts, call (724) 483-4727.

Council 3026 Knights to meet

Knights of Columbus Council 3026, Belle Vernon, will meet 8 p.m. Thursday at the Seven Dolors Church, Yukon.

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To nominate an Active Senior, please send an e-mail to jabramowitz@tribweb.com or call Joe Abramowitz at (724) 684-2634.

Candidate depends on firepower

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) – A candidate to be South Carolina's next National Guard leader skipped the fiery speeches for firepower, launching his campaign with what he called a "machine-gun social."

The Greenville News reports some 500 people came out to a shooting range Saturday for Republican Dean Allen's political rally. He wants to be the next adjutant general, the person who leads the state's National Guard.

Attendees paid $25 for barbecue, a clip of bullets for target practice and the chance to win a semiautomatic AK-47. Whoever wins the rifle will have to undergo a background check. Allen says he is an Army veteran who wanted to celebrate Second Amendment rights.

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Pascoe 60th

The Pascoes

Harold L. and Dolores L. Pascoe, of Belle Vernon, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an Oct. 3 party given by James and Pamela DeMatty at the Greensburg Fire Hall No. 2. Invited guests include family and friends from out of state and the local area.

The couple was united in marriage Oct. 1, 1949, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio.

Harold Pascoe is the son of the late Phillip and Mary E. (Lilley) Pascoe. Dolores Pascoe is the daughter of the late Frank and Florence (Wackley) Stamm.

They are the parents of a daughter, Pamela and husband, James DeMatty, of Greensburg; and a son, Douglas, and wife, Sandra Pascoe, of Indiana. They have 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He is a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant and she is retired from Atlantic Bank, Tampa, Fla.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: U equals C

"SDHXA HR GHSSTJTLX SJBF WJBBS; XAT ZDXXTJ HR AYFDL, XAT SBJFTJ HR D NHSX SJBF NBG." - VZDHRT WDRUDZ

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CONTRACT NO. 2009-01
SALT STORAGE FACILITY
SPEERS PARK
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Copies of the plans and specifications for this Contract may be purchased for sixty dollars ($60.00) per set, non-refundable, from Chester Engineers.

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All Contractors submitting bids may be required to submit a listing of past experience of similar work verifying themselves as qualified for this type of project.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the project site, Speers Park, Speers Borough on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., prevailing time. Attendance at this conference is highly recommended if anyone is submitting a bid for Contract No. 2009-01.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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Jerome A Stokes
Borough Administrator/
Secretary
9/25,28

2040/CIVIL NOTICES

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No. 7860 OF 2008
NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-NC2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC2, Plaintiff vs. DUSTIN GRIFFITH, Solely in His Capacity as Heir of Joyce A. Griffith, Deceased, RONALD GRIFFITH, Solely in His Capacity as Heirs of Joyce A. Griffith, Deceased & Unknown Heirs of Joyce A. Griffith, Deceased, Mortgagors and Real Owners, Defendants TO: DUSTIN GRIFFITH, Solely in His Capacity as Heir of Joyce A. Griffith, Deceased, & Unknown Heirs of Joyce A. Griffith, Deceased, MORTGAGORS AND REAL OWNERS, DEFENDANT(S), whose last known address is 1336 Nash Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT OWED TO OUR CLIENT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION THE DEBT. You are hereby notified that Plaintiff, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-NC2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC2, has filed a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint endorsed with a notice to defend against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, docketed to No. 7860 OF 2008, wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose on the mortgage secured on your property located, 1336 Nash Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062, whereupon your property will be sold by the Sheriff of Westmoreland County.

NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after the Complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claim in the Complaint of for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.
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9/28

2020/BID NOTICES

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9/25,26,28

2040/CIVIL NOTICES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to JOSEPH C. STUP and JC's AUTO CENTER, INC., and ERIC SHAWLEY, Owners or Reputed Owners, of a 2005 Volkswagen Jetta, V.I.N. 3VWDF71K95M642811

On October 2, 2009 at 10:15 A.M., at Case No. 7414 of 2009 a Petition for Involuntary Transfer of Mobile Home will be presented before the Judge Gary P. Caruso, Courtroom #1, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, PA. If you wish to contest this motion, you are directed to appear at the time and place or the Order of Court may be signed in your absence at the discretion of the Court. Said Order will terminate any interest you may have in the above Volkswagen Jetta.

Covelli Law Offices
9/14,21,28

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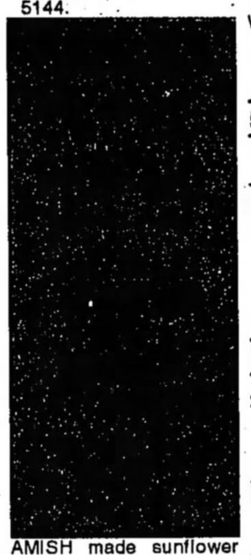

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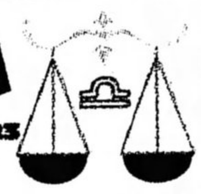

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LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Social situations could work out far better than usual, so don't be a loner. You might even meet someone right now who will become "special" in your life as time marches on.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- You won't have to concentrate on your desires to improve personal conditions for yourself; they could automatically occur. An important someone will be the focal point.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- If possible, be footloose and fancy-free; you'll be happiest when thinking and moving in a carefree manner. You'll end up putting your ideas into action.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Some of those same situations that have proven costly to others will be exceptionally fortunate for you. You have the Midas touch, so use it to your benefit.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- With remarkable resiliency, you will bounce back from any situation that impedes your progress. Keep rubbing your rabbit's foot, especially while it's working so well.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- You'll achieve results that others merely dream about when given half a chance. Additionally, people will support you right now without even asking, so make the most of this advantage.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Find the time to work on that new project or interest that needs to be developed. Conditions are especially fortunate for advancing enterprises that could use a little help.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- "Proceed without delay" needs to be your motto, especially with regard to career or work-related projects. This might be one of your more fortunate days for working things out.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- An extremely fortunate encounter with a knowledgeable individual could put you onto something of real significance. Your solution will prove beneficial.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Don't hesitate to accept an offer of assistance from someone who has successfully managed a situation similar to one in which you now find yourself. This person will help make you a winner.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- The luck of those with whom you'll be associating will rub off, so pick companions who fit the bill. Something good will develop in large part owing to your friends.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Spend time on that project of vital importance to you, because things will work out far better than they normally would at another time. Lady Luck is willing to help you through the rough spots.

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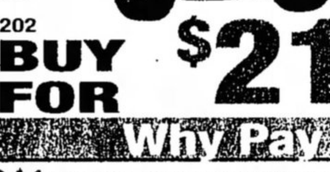

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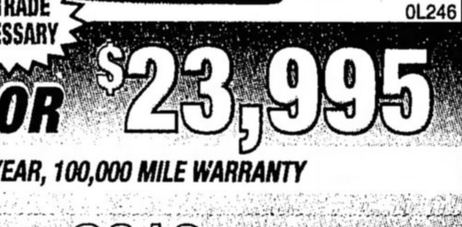

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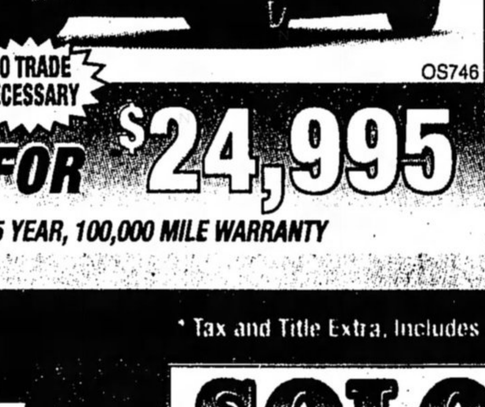

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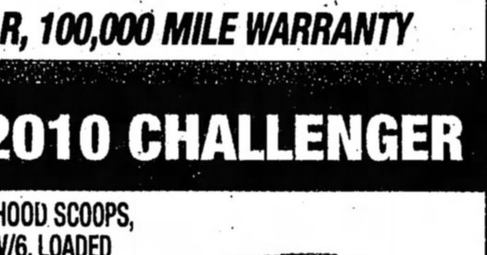

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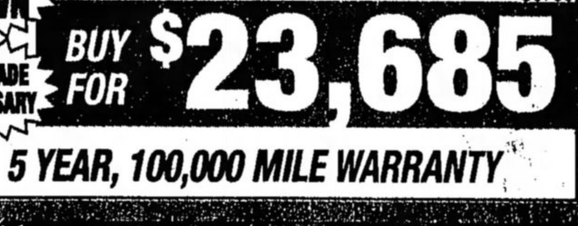

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